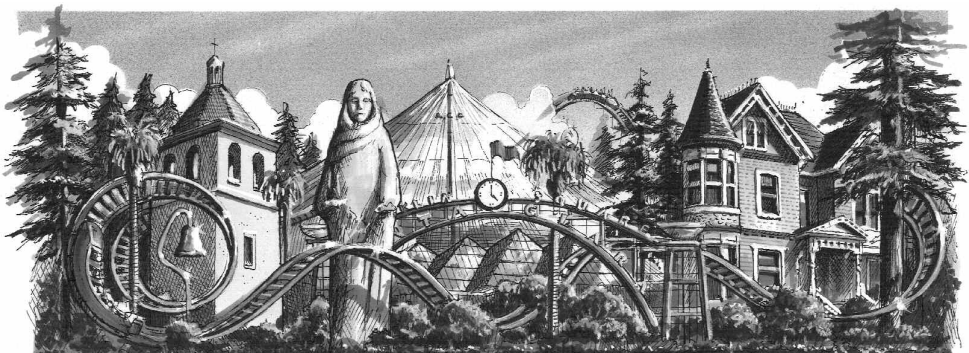




INSIDE SANTA CLARA

QUARTERLY NEWSPAPER FOR
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WINTER 2009



Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony



**Friday, Dec. 4
at 6 p.m.**

Feel the spirit of an old fashioned small town Christmas! The City of Santa Clara will celebrate its annual "Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony" on Friday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m.

This year's celebration will include live music, twinkling lights and festive decor, complete with cookies for the kids and hot coffee for the grown ups. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be on sale to enjoy while awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus. Bring your camera to take your child's photo sitting on Santa's lap!

The event is open to the public, and will take place at the corner of Civic Center Drive and Lincoln Avenue in Santa Clara. Please remember to bring a canned food item for Second Harvest Food Bank. Call 615-3170 for further information.

Look for Teddy at top of tree

He may not say much, but Teddy, the stuffed bear at the top of the holiday tree in Santa Clara, appreciates being noticed. He's been watching over the City's sparkling tree and holiday festivities since 1911 when a utilities superintendent for the City borrowed the bear from his one-year-old daughter, Alice Dixon Hillis, to serve as an ornament on the tree. Teddy has spent December on top of the Santa Clara holiday tree ever since.



Employees from the Electric Utility, Silicon Valley Power, like journey lineworker Phil Waterhouse (pictured above), help to keep this holiday tradition.

Submit permit applications online



Pictured left to right: Customers Kim Serey and Tom Lighthouse of Valley Facilities Manager Corporation (VFMC) are pleased to see the progress that has been made in processing their electronic permit application. They are joined in the review by the City Plans Examiner Ket Le and Senior Permit Technician Diane Vong.

Santa Clara's new online permit process is up and running, reducing the number of trips applicants must make to City Hall's Building Department. The new system also streamlines the permit process by eliminating submittal of drawings and routing of plans to various departments.

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State budget impacts City

One of the strategies used by the State to fix its serious budget gap and balance the budget for this fiscal year is to borrow about \$2 billion in property taxes from local governments. In Santa Clara, this means that \$3.1 million of property tax revenue will be diverted from the City's General Fund to the State in 2009-2010. Under Proposition 1A mandates, the State must repay the loan within three years.

The State is also taking Redevelopment Agency funds from local jurisdictions, including \$9.8 million from the Santa Clara Redevelopment Agency in 2009-2010 – about one third of the tax increment revenue anticipated for redevelopment this fiscal year – and an additional \$2 million in 2010-2011. Redevelopment funds are used for projects that mitigate blight and bring jobs to the City.

The City of Santa Clara is joining other cities, counties, and special districts to participate in a securitization program that is initiated by California Communities, a California Joint Powers Authority that will issue bonds to fully replace the estimated \$3.1 million in "borrowed" property tax revenue so that the loan to the State will not impact the City's General Fund and the balanced budget approved by the City Council in June. The bonds will ensure that the current service levels are sustained and no emergency reserves are used to compensate for the loss of this revenue.

The California Redevelopment Association is challenging the legality of the State's taking of redevelopment funds. The City will monitor legal actions taken by the CRA and others.

The City of Santa Clara worked hard to balance its own budget this year in light of the significant economic downturn that resulted in declining sales tax and transient

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Bright Home program brings a smile to all



The City of Santa Clara's innovative Bright Home program is using federal stimulus funds to carry out its own local stimulus program by paying for exterior painting of houses whose owners can't afford to improve their properties – and it's bringing a smile to everyone involved.

Residents are thrilled to see their homes looking better, neighbors are happy to have property values increase, painting contractors are enjoying providing work for their employees, and City staff from the Planning Department's Housing & Community Services Division are glad they can make it all happen.

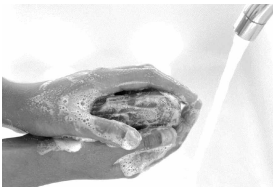
The City identifies low income homeowners who qualify for assistance and then puts a batch of five or more projects out to bid to local licensed painting contractors. In a slow economy, the guaranteed work is allowing the price per job to be low. This year's goal for the Bright Home program is to paint 40 to 50 homes. So far, 26 homes in Santa Clara have been painted, with 17 additional homes scheduled to

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How to avoid the flu and what to do if you get it



Seasonal flu as well as the H1N1 virus (also known as Swine Flu) is spreading throughout the U.S. Check with your doctor on receiving a flu vaccination, and take these steps recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control to protect your health:



- ❖ Wash your hands often with soap and water, or a hand sanitizer. Make it a habit for everyone in the family to wash their hands as soon as they return from school, work, shopping, or other activities.
- ❖ Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- ❖ Avoid shaking hands, hugging or kissing when greeting people. Remind them that it's flu season and they'll understand.
- ❖ If you are sick with flu-like symptoms, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care.
- ❖ Cover your coughs and sneezes and carefully dispose of used tissues in the trash.
- ❖ If you have a family member sick with the flu, monitor your own health closely and stay home if any symptoms appear.
- ❖ Clean surfaces at home, especially bedside tables, bathrooms, kitchen counters and toys for children, with a household disinfectant.

For more information, visit the City website at santaclaraca.gov and search for "flu."

Insulate your attic and save!

Customers of Silicon Valley Power, the municipal Electric Utility, who install new attic insulation not only make their homes more comfortable and energy efficient, but also may receive a cash rebate and save on their monthly bill. Customers purchasing and installing insulation in at least 50% of their attic space and meeting a minimum R30 requirement can qualify for a rebate up to \$175. For complete rebate information, go to siliconvalleypower.com and select "rebates" under the Residential Customers listing.

Holiday Schedule

Thurs., Dec. 24	City Library closes at 5 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 25	City offices closed in observance of Christmas. No collection of garbage, Clean Green or recycling.
Sat., Dec. 26	Collection of garbage, Clean Green and recycling for customers normally serviced on Friday will occur on Saturday.
Thurs., Dec. 31	City Library closes at 5 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 1	City offices closed in observance of New Year's Day. No collection of garbage, Clean Green or recycling.
Sat., Jan. 2	Collection of garbage, Clean Green and recycling for customers normally serviced on Friday will occur on Saturday.
Mon., Jan. 18	City Offices closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Regular collection of garbage, Clean Green and recycling will occur today.
Mon., Feb. 15	City Offices closed in observance of Presidents Day. Regular collection of garbage, Clean Green and recycling will occur today.

If you have questions about the refuse collection schedule, please call 615-3080.



City Public Meeting Schedule

Board of Library Trustees*	1st Monday	7:00 pm
Citizens Advisory Committee	4th Monday	7:00 pm
City Council	Two Tuesdays per month	7:00 pm
Civil Service Commission	2nd Monday	7:00 pm
Cultural Advisory Commission	1st Monday	7:30 pm
Historical & Landmarks Commission	1st Thursday	7:00 pm
International Exchange Commission	1st Tuesday	7:00 pm
Parks & Recreation Commission	3rd Tuesday	7:00 pm
Planning Commission	2nd & 4th Wednesday	7:00 pm
Senior Advisory Commission**	4th Monday	10:00 am
Youth Commission (during the school year)***	2nd Tuesday	6:00 pm

Some commissions/committees meet monthly and others meet semi-monthly. Agendas for City Council, Board and Commission meetings are posted at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, the Central Park Library and Mission Library, and on the City website, at least 3 days before the listed meeting. Complete agenda packets with back-up reports for City Council meetings are available at either City Library beginning Saturday before the Tuesday meetings, or at the City Clerk's Office on weekdays. The City website also allows for the viewing of Council Agenda Reports online. Visit santaclaraca.gov and search for "City Meetings."

* Meeting is at Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Road
** Meeting is at the Senior Center, 1303 Fremont Street
*** Meeting is at Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue

Online schedule: santaclaraca.gov
Dates and times may vary. Call (408) 615-2220 for information.

City of Santa Clara Code of Ethics & Values

Ethical
Professional
Service-Oriented
Fiscally Responsible
Organized
Communicative
Collaborative
Progressive

Ethics Every Day: Making
Ethical Values a Good Habit



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City Goals and Priorities 2009-2011

The City Council priority is to focus on successful completion of existing City projects, postpone new City projects and proposals, and operate within Council-adopted budget principles and priorities, with the goal of guiding the City successfully to economic recovery. (The complete Council Principles and Priorities 2009-11 can be found on the City website. Visit santaclaraca.gov and search for "Council goals."

City Mission Statement

The mission of the City of Santa Clara is to promote a living and working environment that allows for the best quality of life by serving the community with resourceful, efficient, progressive and professional leadership.
- Adopted by Council action, July 25, 1989 -



49ers stadium - update

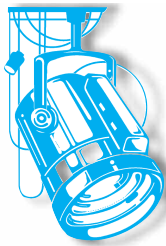
At the October 27, 2009, City Council meeting, after hearing from the City’s Charter Review Committee, Council approved the recommendation of the Committee to rely upon the authority granted in Senate Bill 43, which allows for the use of a design/build construction process and the use of the general contractor chosen by the Stadium Authority for a potential stadium, should a stadium be approved by the voters.

According to the San Francisco 49ers, one of the most important aspects of the stadium project is to have the ability to construct the stadium using methods and techniques that the Team believes are most favorable to ensuring a timely completion at an agreed-to budget. From the Team’s perspective, this requires the use of a design/build construction methodology, with the ability to select the general contractor of their choice, especially because the Team would carry the responsibility for any cost overruns on the project. Because the stadium would be constructed with some public funding, Section 1310 of the City Council would require a competitive bid process to be used for stadium construction. SB 43, a bill introduced by Senator Elaine Alquist at the request of the 49ers, authorizes a joint powers agency (JPA) that would include the City of Santa Clara and its Redevelopment Agency to issue a design-build contract without using the competitive bid process specified in the City Charter, if the JPA so chooses. SB 43 provides an option for consideration of the process of building a stadium, an option that does not require a change to the existing City Charter. After review of the issue, the Charter Review Committee recommended the use of the authority granted under SB 43, instead of pursuing a City Charter change.

At the October 27, 2009 meeting, Council also received a status report on the Environmental Review of the proposed stadium. The public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) ended September 28, 2009. The City and its consultant responded to all of the agency and public comments received during the comment period. Publication of the comment letters and the written responses to those comments, together with the DEIR, have been published as a Final EIR. Staff was anticipating that the FEIR would potentially be considered by the Planning Commission in November 2009, and then be forwarded to the City Council for their consideration and potential action in December. Should the Council certify the FEIR in December, a date could then be considered for bringing the proposed ballot measure forward for City voters, a commitment made early in this process. The FEIR must be certified for the vote to be binding, rather than advisory.

The City Council also reviewed the options and costs regarding a potential ballot measure for the proposed football stadium. It has been determined that an all-mail ballot election, discussed as a potential for March 2010, is not an option in the City of Santa Clara under the Elections Code of the State of California. Other options include a potential Special City Election on April 13, 2010, with estimated costs of about \$652,000, or utilizing the June 8, 2010 Primary Election at a cost of about \$152,000.

Staff is continuing to work to create the Disposition and Development Agreement based on elements of the Term Sheet which was approved by the Council in June 2009.



SPOTLIGHT ON CITY BOARD, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ADA Committee meeting

The City of Santa Clara Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Committee will hold its joint meeting with the City Staff ADA Compliance Committee on Monday, Dec. 14, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Santa Clara Mission Library, 1098 Lexington St. The ADA Advisory Committee is composed of representatives from the community, both individuals and organizations such as Hearing Loss Association of America and the Adult Independence Development Center. Members of the public are invited to attend the meetings and participate in the various accessibility issues discussed. Currently, the Committee has vacancies available. If anyone is interested in becoming a member, please contact Stephanie Ross at 615-3000. For further information, contact the Engineering Department at 615-3000.

Senior Commission Vacancy

There is currently an opening on the City of Santa Clara Senior Advisory Commission for a partial term ending June 30, 2010. Commissioners advise the City Council on matters affecting people age 50 and older in Santa Clara. Applications are due Jan. 6, at 5 p.m., with interviews Jan. 12 at 6 p.m. Applications can be found on the City’s website, or contact the City Clerk’s Office at 615-2220. Your City needs you!

Residents who would like to personally contribute to the quality of life in the City of Santa Clara are encouraged to apply to serve on any of the City’s Board or Commissions. Residents may place their names on a list to be contacted whenever an opening occurs. To be placed on the database maintained by the City Clerk’s Office, call 615-2220 or email Clerk@santaclaraca.gov.

To be a teen in Santa Clara means many opportunities to explore

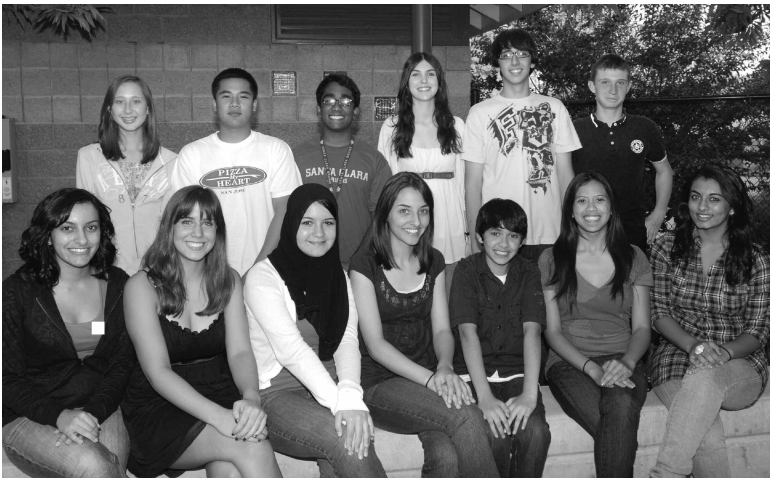
Santa Clara teens are invited to apply for the Youth Commission, a scholarship, or a leadership training program. Pursue one, two, or all three!

Youth Commission

Applications for the 2010-2011 term on the Youth Commission will be available beginning Jan. 25 at the Teen Center, Community Recreation Center, Youth Activity Center, Central Park Library, City Hall, Santa Clara High School and Wilcox High School. You must be a resident of Santa Clara between the ages of 12 and 19.

The application, which includes an essay, must be returned to the Teen Center no later than Friday, March 19, at 5 p.m. Oral interviews will be conducted on Saturday, April 10. No exceptions will be made for the interview date.

If you have questions about the Youth Commission or the application process, contact Jennifer Herb at 615-3740.



2009-2010 Youth Commission

Scholarships

Community service scholarships are available to Santa Clara residents who are high school juniors and graduating seniors, to help offset the costs of college. Last year the City of Santa Clara Youth Commission gave away \$2,000 in scholarships.

Applications are available beginning Jan. 25 at the Teen Center, Community Recreation Center, Santa Clara High School, Wilcox High School, Central Park Library and City Hall. You must have a minimum 2.5 grade point average to be eligible, and have contributed to the Santa Clara community.

The application, which includes an essay, must be returned to the Teen Center no later than Friday, March 19, at 5 p.m. Oral interviews will be conducted on Saturday, April 10. No exceptions will be made for the interview date.

If you have questions about the Youth Commission Scholarship or the application process, contact Jennifer Herb at 615-3740.

Leadership training

Applications for the 2010 Leader in Training Experience (L.I.T.E) will be available on Wednesday, Feb. 10. The L.I.T.E program is a great opportunity for teens ages 14-16 to develop leadership skills, earn community service hours, and learn what goes on ‘behind the scenes’ of a parks and recreation program.

Applicants chosen for the L.I.T.E program will volunteer at one of our summer day camps, where they will assist recreation staff in leading activities, songs, arts and crafts projects, and more. Leaders In Training are required to commit to a week of in-service training during the beginning of June and two weeks volunteering at a day camp site between June 21 and August 13.

L.I.T.E applications will be available at the Teen Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Community Recreation Center and Libraries. Deadline for applications is 6 p.m., Monday, April 12, mailed or delivered to the Teen Center. For more information, call the Teen Center at 615-3740.



It's Holiday Time in Santa Clara

Holiday Decorations Contest deadline is near

Nominations for the annual Holiday Outdoor Decorations Contest are accepted through December 9. Decorate the exterior of your home in cheerful, colorful holiday décor and talk to your neighbors about doing the same. Nominate yourself, your neighbor, or one of the brightly lit homes you've seen around the City.



Entries for best outdoor decorations in four categories (residential, business, neighborhood, and best tree) will be evaluated by a team of judges on Thursday, Dec. 10. Winners will be announced the week of December 14. Check the City's website at santaclaraca.gov for the list of winners along with the full list of entrants in convenient driving order. Winners will be acknowledged at the January 12, 2010 City Council meeting.

For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at 615-2210.

Welcome Santa to your home

Santa Claus is coming early to Santa Clara to visit children in 35 homes. Up to 12 children can be present at each home party. This popular program fills up fast so early reservations are important. The visit lasts approximately 15 minutes and costs \$38. Santa and his helper will listen to each child's holiday request, pose for photographs, and distribute candy canes. Registration began Monday, Nov. 2. To see if any additional reservations are available, and for the dates and times available, call 615-3740.

Historic Home Tour

The Santa Clara Historic Home Tour, a holiday tradition started 31 years ago, continues on Friday, Dec. 4, from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 5, from noon to 5 p.m.

The Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara sponsors the tour with the assistance of the Old Quad Residents Association for the benefit of historic preservation projects and non-profit groups in Santa Clara.



This year's tour will feature five private residences: 1) the James K. Davis House, a recently renovated Stick Eastlake Victorian mansion once owned by a blacksmith who came to Santa Clara in 1875 and whose wife used the home as a "lodginghouse" after her husband's death in 1915; 2) the Maloney House, a Queen Anne Cottage once owned by a farmer connected with Laurelwood Farm and retained by his widow for many years; 3) the Proctor House, a wooden Pioneer-style house once owned by a prominent furniture store owner and Chamber of Commerce official in Santa Clara; 4) the Bacigalupi House, a Craftsman Bungalow built in 1914 for Louise Bacigalupi, the daughter of an Italian immigrant family that settled in Santa Clara Valley in the 1800s; and 5) one of the few remaining Gothic Revival-style houses in Santa Clara which for many years was owned by a salesman named William J. Harrison. This Gothic Revival home will also be the location for refreshments and an opportunity drawing that will benefit the Santa Clara Arts & Historical Consortium.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at City Lights Espresso, 1171 Homestead Rd., through Dec. 4, or online at sc-hometour.com. If any tickets are still available they will be sold the day of the tour at the door of 1490 Santa Clara Street. No children under the age of 6 will be admitted. For further information, call the Historic Preservation Society's Harris-Lass Museum Message Line at 249-7905.

Holiday Train stops in Santa Clara Dec. 5



The 2009 Caltrain Holiday Train will make its annual appearance in the Bay Area during the weekend of December 5-6. Decorated with more than 40,000 lights, the Caltrain Holiday Train will visit nine stations along the Peninsula between San Francisco and Santa Clara. It will stop at the historic Santa Clara Railroad Depot, across the street from Santa Clara University, on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 8:15 p.m., for a 20-minute show.



This free, family-oriented event draws thousands of visitors to train stations every year for a chance to sing along with live holiday music and meet Santa and Mrs. Claus and other holiday favorites, including Rudolph and Frosty. Thanks to the South Bay Historical Railroad Society, the Railroad Museum will also be open that evening from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Visitors are encouraged to bring new, unwrapped toys and books to drop into toy barrels at stations. Thousands of toys and books have been donated to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots Program and the Salvation Army, as a result of the Caltrain Holiday Train.

The Caltrain Holiday Train is not a passenger train. Visitors are invited to visit the stations and view the Holiday Train show, but are not permitted to board or ride on the train.

Comfort and Joy Chorale concerts

The Santa Clara Chorale will present its annual holiday concert, "Comfort and Joy," at Mission Santa Clara on Friday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 13, at 4 p.m. The program features traditional and new arrangements of carols from England, France, Germany, Austria, Spain, and Poland and pairs them with exquisite seasonal gems from the classical repertory by Bruckner, Berlioz, Rutter, and others. The concert will also include audience caroling with the Chorale, accompanied by organ and brass. Tickets are \$25 general admission, \$20 for seniors (60+) and faculty and staff of Santa Clara University, and \$10 for students and those 18 years and under. To order tickets, call 535-8636 or visit scc.org.



The Nutcracker Ballet

A full-length ballet production of *The Nutcracker* will be presented Dec. 12 and 13 by the Santa Clara Ballet, under Artistic Director Josefa Villanueva. All performances will be at the Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway. Curtain time for this 36th annual full-length performance is 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday.

For ticket information, call 881-0879 or visit santaclaraballet.org.



Holiday-themed operas

Mission City Opera will present the world premiere of "Truce of Carols" by Michael Taylor, followed by "Amahl and the Night Visitors," a one act

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opera by Gian Carlo Menotti that has become a holiday tradition. Performances are Dec. 5 and 6 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Mission City Center for Performing Arts, 3250 Monroe St. Tickets are priced from \$15 to \$45 and may be purchased online at missioncityopera.org or call 749-7607 for information.

Holiday play for the family

The Santa Clara Players will perform “The Christmas Mouse,” an original play by Michael Antonucci based on the music of Linda Arnold on the weekends of Dec. 11-13 and Dec. 18-20 at the Triton Museum Hall Pavilion, 1511 Warburton Ave. It is the story of Mrs. Robinson and a mouse who lives at her house, and what happens when the mouse destroys Mrs. Robinson’s entry in a gingerbread house contest. Performance times are 7 p.m. on Fridays, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturdays, and 3 p.m. on Sundays. For ticket information, call 248-7993 or see scplayers.org.

Shop local this holiday season

With the economy still in slow mode, it is more important than ever to support local businesses in Santa Clara. Every business is struggling and the holiday season is a time that can make (or break) many retailers. One dollar of sales tax on a \$100 purchase made in Santa Clara stays in Santa Clara to help pay for parks, street repair, Library books and the hundreds of other services provided to the public by municipal government. Keeping our local businesses open and operating benefits everyone in the community. Shop local!

Unusual holiday gift ideas

* For unique gift ideas that showcase your pride in Santa Clara, visit the City Store at the Chamber of Commerce, 1850 Warburton Ave. Gift items include canvas tote bags, license plate frames, umbrellas, sweatshirts, mugs, polo shirts, golf accessories, and more. See the related article on page 7.

* The Santa Clara Arts & Historical Consortium can provide prints from the photographs in its historic photo collection, which includes the City of Santa Clara’s historic photographs. An 8 by 10 inch photograph costs only \$20. For larger sizes, request quotes. Copies of about 150 of these photographs are hanging in the corridors of City Hall, in Save Mart supermarket at 2610 El Camino Real, and in Kaiser Hospital. The complete collection can be viewed and orders placed on most Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Headen-Inman House, 1509 Warburton Ave.

* Show you care about the environment, as well as the individual, by giving Energy Star power-efficient electronics such as audio and video equipment, speakers, TVs, cordless phones, computer equipment and compact fluorescent light bulbs. More gift ideas can be found at siliconvalleypower.com/plugins, and you can learn more about power savings at EnergyStar.gov.

Family holiday concert

Award-winning musician Tim Cain will entertain all ages with songs celebrating the season on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. at the Mission Library Family Reading Center. For information, call 615-2964.



Holiday music show

“The Music Boat” will perform a holiday music show for ages 3 and older on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. at Central Park Library. For information, call 615-2916 or visit library.santaclara.ca.gov.

Holiday movie at the Library

A free showing of a classic holiday film is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 21, at Central Park Library. Enjoy the movie on a big screen during this Monday Morning Movie program series. Light refreshments will be served.



Holiday crime prevention tips



Unfortunately, the holidays present many opportunities for burglars, muggers and pick-pockets. The following tips for a safer holiday season are provided by your Santa Clara Police Department. Practice these tips all year long!

Shopping Safety

- Lock packages in the trunk.
- Don’t overload yourself with packages.
- If you must shop in the evening, shop with a friend.
- Park in well-lighted areas, as close as possible to store entrances. Be particularly aware of persons in the parking lot, especially near your car.
- Lock your car and make sure the windows are closed.
- Carry only the charge cards you will need. Don’t carry or flash large sums of cash.
- Carry your purse next to your body with the purse flap against you. Men should carry their wallets in front or inside pockets.
- Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you. Don’t allow your attention to become distracted from your purse or packages.
- Teach children to go to a store clerk or security guard and ask for help if you become separated in a store or shopping mall.
- Don’t hesitate to notify store security if you see suspicious activity.
- If you have to wait for a ride, wait in a busy, well-lighted place.
- If you are a victim of a crime, report it to police immediately.



Home Safety

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even if you will only be gone for a minute.
- Don’t put large displays of holiday gifts in view of your windows or doors.
- When going on trips or out for evenings, use automatic timers to turn indoor lights on and off to make it appear you are home.
- Immediately after the holidays, mark new gifts with your California Driver’s License or ID number. Engravers are available at the Central Park Library for check out.
- Don’t advertise what gifts you received by putting the boxes curbside on trash day. Break the boxes down before placing curbside, or take them to a recycling center yourself.



Traveling

- Use automatic timers for lights in your home.
- Stop mail and newspaper delivery.
- Ask neighbors to look after your home.

Region is among safest in U.S.

The metropolitan region consisting of Santa Clara, San Jose and Sunnyvale was ranked 7th in the U.S. by Forbes Magazine in an analysis of America’s safest cities. The rating was based on the lowest rates of violent crime, workplace deaths, fatal crashes and natural disasters.

Prevent holiday tree fires

Christmas trees, both real and artificial, are the items first ignited in an estimated average of 240 reported U.S. structure fires per year. These fires caused an average of 25 civilian deaths and \$13.1 million in direct property damage per year. Christmas tree fires are not common, but when they occur, they are likely to be serious. On average, one of every 15 reported fires that began with a Christmas tree resulted in death.

According to the United States Fire Administration and the Santa Clara Fire Department, there are simple, life-saving steps you can take to greatly reduce your chances of becoming a holiday fire casualty.



Selecting a tree

- ❑ Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needles should not break if the tree has been freshly cut.

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- ❑ The trunk should be sticky to the touch.
- ❑ Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard.

Caring for your tree

- ❑ Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks.
- ❑ Do not put your live tree up for longer than two weeks.
- ❑ Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

Disposing of your tree:

- ❑ Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood-burning stove.
- ❑ When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly.
- ❑ The best way to dispose of your tree is to take advantage of the City's tree recycling program. See the related article below.

More holiday fire safety tips

- ❑ Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up.
- ❑ Use only holiday lighting that has been listed by an approved testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL).
- ❑ Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe.
- ❑ Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet.
- ❑ Make sure to periodically check the wires — they should not be warm to the touch.
- ❑ Do not leave holiday lights on unattended.
- ❑ Candles can be dangerous. If you do use them, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down.
- ❑ Never leave candles burning unattended.
- ❑ Never put lit candles on a tree
- ❑ Do not go near a holiday tree with an open flame — candles, lighters or matches.

Recycle holiday trees

The holiday season's final tradition is putting the tree out for curbside recycling. This year, trees will be picked up on your regular solid waste collection day during the week of January 4-8, 2010. Here's what to do:

- Remove all ornaments, tinsel, nails, and the stand. Flocked trees cannot be recycled, so they will be collected and disposed of as garbage.
- Place the stripped tree next to the garbage cart setout at the curb on your regular collection day.
- Holiday trees from small businesses and residents who miss the curbside collection may be dropped off at the southwest corner of the intersection of San Tomas Expressway and Monroe Streets. The drop-off will be available during the week of January 4-8, 2010 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. only.
- Multi-family residents can set out their holiday trees on the nearest public street for pickup on the assigned single family home garbage/recycling collection days. Call 615-2063 for assigned garbage/recycling days in particular areas.
- Trees may also be recycled after Jan. 8 by cutting up the tree and placing the pieces in the Clean Green cart. For more information on holiday tree recycling, call 615-2063.



Reduce and recycle holiday waste

Dreaming of a "Green Christmas?" Here are some eco-friendly holiday ideas:

- Wrap gifts in comics, old maps or other colorful paper materials normally found around the home or office.
- Instead of wrapping gifts in paper, try presenting them in reusable containers like tin or plastic holiday boxes, gift bags or baskets. Save

gift bags, boxes and bows for reuse.

- Buy gift wrap that contains recycled paper. Avoid metallic-type wrapping papers that contain foil, Mylar or holographic materials, which are not recyclable.
- Recycle wrapping paper (except metallic, foil, Mylar or holographic) with mixed paper in the City's new single-stream curbside recycling program. Place in the blue recycle cart.
- Make gift tags or ornaments from old greeting cards and wrapping materials
- Use cloth napkins, metal flatware, china plates and real glasses for "waste-less" holiday parties and meals.
- Purchase a manufactured tree that can be stored and reused each year.

Excess holiday waste a problem?

Holidays bring friends, families, parties and get-togethers – and sometimes more trash than your garbage cart can handle. Santa Clara residents may set out as many as four additional 30-gallon plastic garbage bags (limit two bags per week) on their regular solid waste collection day from Dec. 26, 2009 through Jan. 7, 2010 at no extra charge.

At any other time during the year, for a nominal cost, additional 30-gallon plastic bags of garbage tied with "extra bag" tags may be placed at the curb for pickup on your regular solid waste collection day.

Extra bag tags can be purchased for \$3.00 each at the Cashier's Counter in the Finance Department at City Hall, 1500 Warburton Ave., between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tags may be ordered by mail also. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and a check (payable to "City of Santa Clara") to the Utility Services Division, Finance Department, 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050. Indicate the number of tags to be purchased and make the check payable for the exact amount of \$3.00 per tag.

Residential customers with front-load dumpsters are eligible to get one additional collection per year free of charge. Call Mission Trail Waste Systems at 727-5365 to make an appointment for the extra dumpster collection. For more information, call 615-2063.

New Year's resolutions for fire safety

The start of a new year is a great time to make sure you and your family are playing it safe when it comes to fire prevention. Making and keeping these two resolutions will increase your chances of surviving a fire if one should occur at home.



Resolution: Have at least one smoke detector installed on each level of your home.

Test your smoke detector monthly and change the batteries at least once a year. For the best protection, have a smoke detector in each bedroom.

Resolution: Create and practice a home fire escape plan.

All family members should know how to call 9-1-1. If your house is on fire, use your neighbor's phone to call 9-1-1. Have at least two ways out of each bedroom. Designate a meeting place outside. Practice your home escape plan.

Using technology for emergency communication - Sign up now!

In times of emergency, fast communication is key to alerting people to the danger and offering information on how to respond. A new system in Santa Clara County offers the promise of reaching thousands of residents quickly with the use of new technology.

AlertSCC is an automated system with the capacity to send thousands of text and voice messages within minutes to home and business land line phones using 411 and 911 databases. **In order to reach cell phones, PDAs, laptops, desktop computers, and devices for the hearing impaired, anyone who lives or works in the county and would like to be notified in case of emergency must register a cell phone number and/or email address at AlertSCC.com.**

The system can be used for a variety of emergency and community service notifications such as fires, crime incidents, hazmat incidents, infectious disease information, contaminated food warnings, road/school closures, and contacting disaster service workers.

Make a New Year's resolution to be more informed about local emergencies: register your cell phone and email address today at AlertSCC.com.



Get ready for the unexpected with a disaster kit



Disasters such as earthquakes and flooding can happen anywhere, at any time. We may not know when a disaster will occur, but we can be prepared for the unexpected so that our families have the basic necessities for survival. Make it a New Year’s resolution to get prepared.

Here are the basic elements of a disaster kit. There should be kits in place at home, work, school, and in every vehicle.

- **Water**—three gallons for each person who would use the kit and an additional four gallons per person or pet for use if you are confined to your home.
- **Food**—a three-day supply in the kit and at least an additional four-day supply per person or pet for use at home.

You may want to consider stocking a two-week supply of food and water in your home.

- **Items for infants**—including formula, diapers, bottles, pacifiers, powdered milk and medications not requiring refrigeration.
- **Items for seniors, disabled persons or anyone with serious allergies**—including special foods, denture items, extra eyeglasses, hearing aid batteries, prescription and non-prescription medications that are regularly used, inhalers and other essential items.
- **Kitchen accessories**—a manual can opener; mess kits or disposable cups, plates and utensils; utility knife; sugar, salt and pepper; aluminum foil and plastic wrap; re-sealable plastic bags.
- **A portable, battery-powered radio or television and extra, fresh batteries.**
- **Several flashlights and extra, fresh batteries.**
- **A first aid kit.**

- **One complete change of clothing and footwear for each person**—including sturdy work shoes or boots, raingear and other items adjusted for the season, such as hats and gloves, thermal underwear, sunglasses, and dust masks.
- **Blankets or a sleeping bag for each person.**
- **Sanitation and hygiene items**—shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, comb and brush, lip balm, sunscreen, contact lenses and supplies, any medications regularly used, toilet paper, baby wipes, soap, hand sanitizer, liquid detergent, feminine supplies, plastic garbage bags (heavy-duty) and ties (for personal sanitation uses), medium-sized plastic bucket with tight lid, disinfectant, and household chlorine bleach.
- **Other essential items**—paper, pencil, needles, thread, small A-B-C-type fire extinguisher, medicine dropper, whistle, and emergency preparedness manual.
- **Entertainment**—including games and books, favorite dolls and stuffed animals for small children.
- **A map of the area**—marked with places you could go and their telephone numbers.
- **An extra set of keys and identifications**—including keys for cars and any properties owned and copies of driver’s licenses, passports and work identification badges.
- **Cash and coins and copies of credit cards.**
- **Copies of medical prescriptions.**
- **Matches**—in a waterproof container.
- **A small tent, compass and shovel.**

Pack the items in easy-to-carry containers, label the containers clearly and store them where they would be easily accessible. Duffle bags, backpacks, and covered trash receptacles serve well as containers. In a disaster situation, you may need access to your disaster supplies kit quickly—whether you are sheltering at home or evacuating. Following a disaster, having the right supplies can help your household endure home confinement or evacuation.

For more information on disaster preparedness, visit the following websites: American Red Cross – redcross.org; US Department of Homeland Security – ready.gov; California Office of Emergency Services – oes.ca.gov or the City of Santa Clara website santaclaraca.gov.

City of Santa Clara

City Store

Show Your Community Pride!

For unique gift ideas that showcase your pride in Santa Clara, visit the City Store at the Chamber of Commerce, 1850 Warburton Avenue. Items are priced at cost plus a nominal fee for taxes and handling. Some of the merchandise features the City’s All-America City service theme, “Santa Clara: High Tech-Human Touch, HT2” and are available to purchase while supplies last. Questions? Call 408/244-8244 or visit santaclaraca.gov and search for “City Store.”

Items Sold at the Store

SPECIALS THROUGH DECEMBER 2009

Buy one of the following items at regular price and get the second one at 25% discount (specials limited to stock on hand)



Reusable Tote Bag with City Seal—\$5



Vehicle License Plate Frame—\$8



Mug—\$11



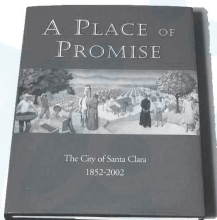
Keychain—\$4



Magnet—\$2.50



Pen—\$3



Book—“A Place of Promise”—\$25.00



Lapel Pin—\$2; \$2.50



- Umbrella—\$15
- Folio Pads-Zippered with Note Pad—\$18
- Golf Ball Tourney Pack—\$6
- Polo Shirt-Royal Blue 3XL—\$32; 4XL—\$34
- HT2 Red/White Shirt—\$9
- Watch-All America City- \$29
- Sweatshirt-Royal Blue 3XL—\$30
- Note Pad—\$5





2010 – Off to a great start!

Look at *Recreation Activities Guide* for classes, activities

Start 2010 by learning something new in a class or activity presented by the Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department. A wide variety of programs are available for all ages including art, music, dance, cooking, fitness, sports, and more.

The *City of Santa Clara Recreation Activities Guide* contains a complete listing of offerings for winter and spring. It is mailed to residents in early December and available online beginning December 16. To access the guide and online registration, go to: santaclaraca.gov and select the “Activities & Classes” button located on the left hand side of the page.

Recreation Activities Guides will be available at the following City facilities beginning Dec. 17: the Community Recreation Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Teen Center, Santa Clara Senior Center, City Hall, Central Park Library, and Mission Library Family Reading Center.

Important Registration Dates:

- Resident Online Registration begins December 29
- Resident Mail-In Registration deadline is December 29
- Resident Walk-In Registration begins January 5
- Non-resident Registration begins January 6
- Winter session classes begin the week of January 24

Call 615-3140 for guide or registration information.



It's the Miss Santa Clara Competition!



The 2009 Miss Santa Clara Court (from left): 4th runner up Marisa Andrade; 2nd runner up Jansie Tompkins; Miss Santa Clara Brittany Adams; 1st runner up Sophia Andrade (also Miss Congeniality); and 3rd runner up Christine McCaman.

The Miss Santa Clara Competition, an official preliminary of the Miss California and Miss America Programs, showcases the talents and accomplishments of local college, high school and middle school students. Two competitions will be held on Jan. 9 at the Mission City Center for Performing Arts, 3250 Monroe St. The Teen competition begins at 2 p.m. (doors open at 1:30 p.m.) and the Miss competition begins at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.).

In the “Miss Santa Clara” competition for women ages 17-24, contestants will compete in Interview, Talent, On-Stage Question, Swimsuit/Physical Fitness and Evening Wear categories. In the “Santa Clara’s Outstanding Teen” competition for girls ages 13-16, contestants will compete in Interview, Talent, On-Stage Question, Physical Fitness and Evening Wear.

This year, the Miss Santa Clara Auxiliary will award more than \$15,000 in educational scholarships. The funds will be distributed to the winners, runners-up, and other contestants who win special awards, including Top Interview and Community Service. Contestants are guaranteed a minimum scholarship regardless of their standing at the end of the competition. There is no fee to enter the competition.

Tickets are \$16 for each show and \$1 from each ticket sale will be donated to the Children’s Miracle Network. If available, tickets will be sold at the door. Last year, tickets for the evening competition sold out one week prior to the pageant. To purchase tickets in advance, contact Mary McCaman, at 244-6840 or by email at dmccama@pacbell.net. For more information, visit the Miss Santa Clara website – misssantaclara.org.

Sign up kids for gymnastics or theatre activities

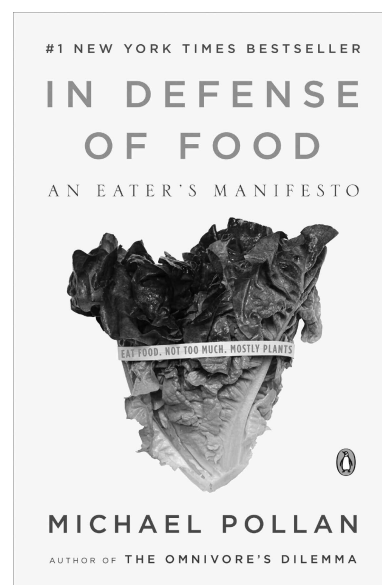
Youngsters in Santa Clara have many opportunities to explore fun activities. Gymnastics classes for children from 18 months to 17 years are available year round at the Santa Clara Gymnastics Center, 3445 Benton St. The first session in 2010 runs Jan. 4 through Feb. 27. For information and to sign up, call 615-3140.

Young children are invited to explore creativity at the Roberta Jones Jr. Theatre classes. *Imagine Me*, for ages 4-5, includes interactive storytelling and improvisational games. *Imagine Me, Too*, for ages 6-8, has more emphasis on characterization and acting technique, culminating in a stage performance for families. Both classes meet on Wednesday afternoons, beginning Jan. 20. Spring classes begin on March 24. For information and to sign up, call 615-3140.

Silicon Valley Reads in Santa Clara

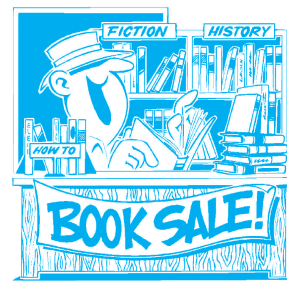
The Library will participate in the annual Silicon Valley Reads program that in 2010 is asking everyone to read and discuss *In Defense of Food* by Michael Pollan, and to enjoy one or both of the companion books for children, *Seedfolks* by Paul Fleischman for grades 4-8, and *Tops & Bottoms* by Janet Stevens for grades K-3.

As part of Silicon Valley Reads, Laura Stec and Eugene Cordero, authors of *Cool Cuisine: Taking the Bite Out of Global Warming* – how to cook a global-cooling cuisine, will speak at the Central Park Library on Wednesday, March 10, at 7 p.m. For information on adult programs, see the Library website at library.santaclaraca.gov or call Reference at 615-2900.



Book sales

Shop for great fiction and nonfiction books at book sales on Saturday, Jan. 16 and Feb. 20. There are thousands of books to choose from, and proceeds benefit the Library. The Foundation & Friends of the Santa Clara City Library Book Sales are held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Cedar Room of the Central Park Library. For more information call 615-2987.



Learn more about your ancestors

Two genealogy programs in the Cedar Room of the Central Park Library will help residents explore their family backgrounds; both programs are sponsored by the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society.

On Tuesday, Jan. 19, from 7-9 p.m., Dr. Stephen Morse, developer of the “One-Step website”: stevenmorse.org, will give his “hodgepodge” lecture on some of the lesser known genealogy finding tools and utilities available from his website. Morse’s website assists genealogists with search tools for researching online passenger records, census records, vital records and more.

On Tuesday, Feb. 16, from 7-9 p.m., Cath Madden Trindle, a certified genealogist, will describe how to organize photos, family records, digital files and assorted genealogy paperwork. Get tips on how to unclutter your collection by developing ways to get your genealogical materials and online files organized in small, manageable pieces.

For more information on either program, contact Local History Librarian Mary Hanel at 615-2909 or email mhanel@santaclaraca.gov.

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69th annual Camellia Show

The 69th Annual Camellia Show, sponsored by the Camellia Society and the Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department, will be held Feb. 20-21 at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd. The free show is open for viewing on Saturday from 2:30 to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thousands of delicate blooms of different sizes and colors will delight your senses as you stroll through the displays. There is a camellia to fit any size garden or patio, and experts will be available at the show to help gardeners decide what camellia would be best for their yards, decks or terraces.

Entries will be accepted Saturday, Feb. 20 from 6:30 to 10 a.m. Novices and children are encouraged to enter their camellias. Camellia Society members will be on hand to help identify and place your entry. For more information, call 615-3080.



SHOWTIME '10

In 1982, long-time Santa Clara resident Cleo Stuckrath, concerned about the possible closure of the Santa Clara Senior Center's Health and Wellness Program, helped to establish the Santa Clara Women's League and then wrote and produced a melodrama starring local talent to raise money to support the program.



On March 5, 6, and 7, the Santa Clara Women's League is sponsoring "Showtime '10" — the 28th production to raise funds for the Health and Wellness Program. This year's production will feature a thrilling, old-time melodrama entitled "Capture of the Mississippi Belle, or Pralines, Pistols and Pirates!" Come and enjoy the outstanding entertainment, filled with fun and opportunities to cheer heroes, boo and hiss villains and have an all-around good time!

Performances start at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Boulevard. Tickets can be purchased from the Santa Clara Senior Center, 1303 Fremont St. For more information, go to SantaClaraShowtime.net or call 615-3170.

Cirque du Soleil tickets benefit nonprofit

Cirque du Soleil is returning to Silicon Valley with its production of "OVO," described as "an immersion into the teeming and energetic world of insects." Cirque has donated tickets for its performance on Friday, Feb. 19, to the Bill Wilson Center to use as a fundraiser. Every dollar of these special tickets goes to support the services provided by the Bill Wilson Center in Santa Clara.

Tapis Rouge tickets for \$300 each include excellent seating, reserved parking, a pre show reception (hors d'oeuvres, wine), a souvenir and a program, and desserts during the intermission – not to mention coat check service and exclusive Tapis Rouge restrooms! There are also terrific Level 1 seats for \$125 each! Tickets must be sold by Jan. 18 to benefit the agency.

To order tickets, call Judy Whittier at 850-6132 or email jwhittier@billwilsoncenter.org. Tickets will be mailed out in January, but special arrangements can be made if you are purchasing tickets as a holiday gift.

Triton Museum of Art exhibitions

An exhibition of the works of Howard Ikemoto, one of California's premier abstract painters, will be featured at the museum from December 5, 2009 to March 3, 2010. Ikemoto remembers his time in an internment camp for citizens of Japanese descent during WWII, where he drew the hills surrounding the camp, learning to depict the world around him through his

art. Also on display at the museum will be an exhibit drawn from more than 500 entries to the Triton Museum's 2009 Statewide Drawing and Print Competition & Exhibition. This show, which opens at the museum on December 12 and runs through March 14, 2010, is expected to feature a wide variety of drawing and printmaking styles, techniques and subject matter. This year's competition juror is the renowned printmaker and painter, Roberta Loach. The Triton Museum is located at 1505 Warburton Ave. and is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and until 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Closed Mondays. Admission and parking are free. For more details, visit the Triton Museum website at tritonmuseum.org.



Howard Ikemoto

Exhibitions at the de Saisset Museum

Two new exhibitions open at the de Saisset Museum at Santa Clara University on January 16, 2010. "On Site/In Site" showcases works from the museum's permanent collection by bringing an eclectic group of objects out of the private vault and into the sight of museum visitors. The exhibition includes works by Ansel Adams, Bruce Conner, Robert Bechtle, Inez Storer, Henrietta Shore, Pablo Picasso and Marc Chagall. A second exhibition, "Just In," features approximately twenty pieces that have been recently acquired by the de Saisset, many of which are on display for the first time. Artists represented in this exhibition include Lita Albuquerque, Ad Rhinehardt, Patsy Krebs, Greg Edwards and Andy Warhol, in addition to Santa Clara University faculty members Kathy Aoki, Kelly Detweiler and Don Fritz. Galleries are open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For more information, see scu.edu/deSaisset.

Mark your calendar for these great events

La Boheme opera preview on Tuesday, Feb. 2:

Several singers from the Mission City Opera will perform a preview of songs from Puccini's La Boheme in the Central Park Library Redwood Room at 7 p.m. The opera will be performed in its entirety Feb. 19-28 at the Mission City Center for the Performing Arts. To reserve a space for the preview, call Reference at 615-2900.

Staged Reading of "Dancing with Fred" on Feb. 6:

Santa Clara Players present the story of Fred Swenson who, after 41 auditions, has still not achieved his dream of musical comedy stardom. One night only at the Triton Museum Hall Pavilion. Matinees are at 2:30 p.m. and evening performances at 8 p.m. For tickets and information call 248-7993 or visit scplayers.org.

Theater Performance of "Bull in a China Shop" on Feb. 26-March 20:

Santa Clara Players perform this humorous mystery at the Triton Museum Hall Pavilion. Matinees are at 2:30 p.m. and evening performances at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$16 (\$18 for Champagne opening night), \$13 for seniors 55+ and \$10 for students under 22. For tickets and information call 248-7993 or visit scplayers.org.

Winter produce at Farmers Market



The Downtown Santa Clara Farmers Market continues year-round every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jackson Street between Benton and Homestead. Each season brings in new crops of fruits and vegetables (look for greens, winter squash, and late berries). Check

out colorful bouquets of cut flowers for your home, or plants for your patio and garden. Baked goods and specialty dishes are also available to enjoy while listening to music and enjoying the winter air with friends and neighbors. Questions? Call 615-2063.



Library Update



Aerial photos show Santa Clara through the years

Five large aerial photographs made from negatives in the collection of the Hatfield Aerial Photography Historical Archives are now on display in the Central Park Library Lobby. The exhibit includes:

- 1947 view taken above Santa Clara University
- 1952 view taken above an early Santa Clara Bohannon Subdivision
- 1967 view taken above downtown Santa Clara shortly after several blocks have been leveled in preparation for urban renewal
- 1974 view taken above the Memorex "high tech" industrial plant
- 1976 view taken above the "North of Bayshore" area showing Mission College under construction, Great America in operation, and several pear and fruit orchards.

In 1947 Adrian Hatfield, a Stanford-educated photojournalist (class of 1938) and World War II aerial photographer, founded Hatfield Aerial Surveys in Menlo Park. Due to the immense growth in industry and population in the San Francisco Bay Area after World War II, Hatfield had a booming business until he retired in 1980, flying aerial mapping surveys for realtors, ranchers, developers, universities, state government agencies, and county and city planning and engineering departments. Adrian's son, Ben Hatfield, now runs the family business. He has added an historical archives component to the company, making it possible for museums, libraries, businesses, or individuals to commission reprints of negatives from his father's collection for exhibit purposes. Information about the Hatfield aerial survey archives can be found at hatfieldaerialsurveys-archives.com.

Each photo is captioned, but the Library is looking for more specific details and anecdotes about any of the images in the exhibit. If you can help identify specific streets or names of some of the ranches, canneries, and businesses that no longer exist, contact Local History Librarian Mary Hanel at 615-2909 or email mhanel@santaclaraca.gov.



Families enjoy the children's area at Central Park Library.

Library contracts with agency to recover long overdue materials

Beginning January 1, 2010, the Santa Clara City Library will use a collection agency to recover long overdue Library materials and make them available for others to use and check out.

The Library has contracted with Unique Management Services (UMS), a professional agency specializing in material recovery services for libraries. Other local libraries using this service include Sunnyvale Public, San Jose Public, and Mountain View Public.

The Library will continue to send courtesy overdue reminders to patrons. Patrons who have not returned billed overdue material will be referred, in due course, to UMS which will contact patrons by mail and telephone. UMS ultimately may report unresolved accounts to credit agencies 120 days after receiving an account.

Santa Clara patrons whose accounts are sent to the company will be charged an additional \$10 to cover the cost of the service.

Your account activity may be managed by doing the following:

- Checking your Library record at sccl.santaclaraca.gov/patroninfo
- Calling Circulation Services at 615-2970
- Checking with staff at the Circulation Services Desk
- Keeping your due date receipt.

Adults can learn to read and write @ the Library

Do you know people who speak English well, but need help with their reading and writing? They may struggle to fill out job applications, though they can do the job well. They may be caring parents, but have trouble helping their children with schoolwork or reading notes from teachers. They may be unable to read a prescription or fill out the form at a medical clinic. Please let them know they are not alone! It is estimated that 16% of adults in Santa Clara County struggle with everyday tasks that involve reading and writing.

Read Santa Clara, the Library's adult and family literacy program, offers free one-on-one and small group tutoring to help adults improve their basic reading, writing, and math skills. The tutoring is confidential, with flexible times. Read Santa Clara's volunteer tutors work with 100 adult learners each year, helping them reach their goals as family members, workers, community members, and lifelong learners. Learners have to be 16 years or older (and not in high school) and be able to meet with a tutor for two hours a week for a minimum period of six months.

"This program is super supportive in helping you get one-on-one tutoring and you can learn at your own pace," said one Read Santa Clara learner. "Opportunity is knocking at your door, but you have to open up that door. Don't be afraid and don't be ashamed. Walk in and ask what this program is all about. Take the first step."

It is never too late to learn! Call Read Santa Clara at 615-2956 or email readsantaclaraca@santaclaraca.gov to find out more.

Banner competition deadline is Dec. 14

Santa Clara County artists are invited to compete for cash awards in a banner competition sponsored by the City of Santa Clara and its Cultural Advisory Commission. The deadline to enter is Dec. 14.

A jury composed of three Santa Clara Cultural Advisory Commissioners will choose the designs to be featured on the banners, and designs will be judged for creativity and visual impact from a distance. Selected artists will receive a blank banner upon which to paint their design, and an honorarium will be awarded upon completion of each selected banner. Banners will be displayed on streetlight poles within the City of Santa Clara as part of the City's "Art in the Air" display from April through September 2010.

Artists wishing to enter the competition may obtain the prospectus and entry form from the City's website at santaclaraca.gov or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Administrative Analyst Pam Morrison, Santa Clara City Hall, 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050. There is no entry fee. For more information, contact Pam Morrison at 615-2219 or by email at CulturalCommission@santaclaraca.gov.

"Make a Splash" by Terri Hill

"Central Park" by Carol Kisler





Electric rate increases proposed

At the December 8, 2009 City Council meeting, the Council will consider a staff recommendation for electric rate increases of 7% on January 1, 2010, and 7% on January 1, 2011. The requested rate increases, presented at the October 20, 2009 Council meeting, are due primarily to shortages in low-cost, hydro-electric supply and the need to replace aging substations and power lines throughout the City.

Additionally, the utility seeks to replenish its operating reserves. Inadequate reserves expose the utility to potential unfavorable bond ratings, a condition that could lead to significantly higher financing costs.

Rates charged by the City’s Electric Utility, also known as Silicon Valley Power, will still remain among the lowest in the state and customers will still pay about as little as one-half of what customers pay for electricity in neighboring cities. Maintaining competitively low utility rates is a specific City Council goal adopted for 2009-2011.

One way to reduce electric bills is to take advantage of Silicon Valley Power’s energy-saving appliance and insulation rebates, home energy audits, and financial assistance programs. Call 244-SAVE (7283) for more information.

Prompt payment benefits everyone

The effort by Santa Clara residents and businesses to pay their utility bills in a timely manner is making a difference in saving the City time and money. Thank you, customers, for your prompt payments! Not only does prompt payment avoid a late charge to customers, it helps to maintain lower utility rates and improve customer service. Santa Clara customers and the City both benefit.

Call City about street trees

This fall’s early storms caused trees throughout the City to lose branches in strong winds, and prompted many residents to ask who is responsible for the care of street trees, the trees located in the City’s right-of-way easement at the front of properties, usually the front yard of a residence.



In Santa Clara, the City takes responsibility for planting, maintaining and removing (if necessary) City street trees. The property owner is responsible only for watering and fertilizing the tree. If a City street tree needs to be trimmed or is suspected to have a disease problem, call the Street Department at 615-3080. It is illegal to trim or remove a street tree by anyone other than City personnel.

The City invests in street trees because of their many benefits to the community – beauty, sound absorption, oxygen, wind deflection, shade protection, air purification, erosion control and energy conservation. Santa Clara is named a Tree City USA each year because of its commitment to trees.

Residents who do not have a street tree and would like to be placed on a list to have one planted in front of their home can call 615-3080.

Flood Protection Information

Floodplains

In the City of Santa Clara, certain areas that have been designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as Special Flood Hazard Areas are called “100-year floodplains.” A flood that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year is called a “100-year flood.” Floodplains are the areas along rivers or streams that have been or may be expected to be covered by a “100-year flood.” To find out whether your property lies within a floodplain, or for information on flood-related questions, call the City Planning Department at 615-2450.



Recent Flood Maps

FEMA has revised the Community-based Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels to the Countywide FIRM panels to include the entire Santa Clara County. As a result, new FIRM panels have been issued with an effective date of May 18, 2009.

Flood Insurance

Most property insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. However, because the City of Santa Clara participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), residents can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This insurance is backed by the federal government and is available to anyone who has property in the City, even if it is not in a Special Flood Hazard Area. Property owners in the City located in the Special Flood Hazard Areas receive a 10% discount in the premium costs for NFIP policies issued or renewed. Homes and businesses located within Special Flood Hazard Areas are required to be covered by a flood insurance policy as a condition of federally funded financial assistance for purchase or construction of the building. Information about flood insurance can be obtained from your insurance agent, or by calling the National Flood Insurance Program customer service line at 1-800-427-4661 or visit fema.gov/plan/prevent/floodins/infocon.shtm.

Information Sources

The current flood maps and flood protection references are available at the Santa Clara Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Rd., 615-2900. The current flood maps are also available at the City’s Permit Center, 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara. Any construction for flood-proofing your property requires a permit from the City’s Building Division. Elevation Certificates for recent construction are available at the City’s Planning Department, 615-2450. Online flood information and FIRM panels can be viewed at the FEMA website, msc.fema.gov. Online flood information can also be viewed at the City website, santaclaraca.gov, by typing “Flood” in the search box.

24/7 Emergencies

To report life-threatening emergencies, call 9-1-1. To report emergencies involving City Electric, Water & Sewer Utilities, storm drains, or flooding, call 615-5640. For information on sandbags call the City Corporation Yard at 615-3080. Up-to-date flood information during storms can be found on the Santa Clara Valley Water District website, valleywater.org. For recorded information call 1-888-HEYNOAH (1-888-439-6624).

Flood Warning Program

When a flood may occur, the City will warn citizens through distribution of advisory notices and emergency officials will visit each neighborhood that is threatened. For more information about the City’s flood warning and emergency response plan, contact the City’s Emergency Services Coordinator in the City’s Fire Department at 615-4900. You are also encouraged to sign up for the County emergency alert automated system, AlertSCC.com. See page 6 for more information.

Dumping Creates Flood Hazard

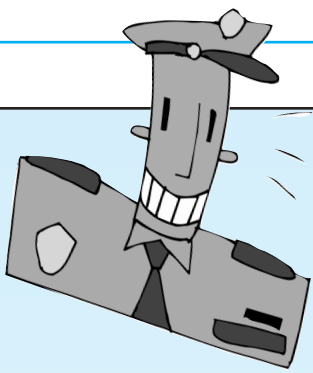
Dumping debris into storm drains can restrict water flow, creating a flood hazard. This not only results in additional expense to the taxpayers, but also the Municipal Code prohibits the dumping of debris into the City’s storm drain system.

2009 Annual Report/ 2010 City Calendar coming your way

Santa Clara’s 2009 Annual Report/2010 City Calendar is being distributed to all residents by mail. If you do not receive one by January 1, additional copies will be available at City Hall and the Library.

This year’s issue has the theme of “Building Public Trust” and focuses on both significant accomplishments of the past year and the City Council’s 2009-2011 Principles and Priorities. A suggestion card on the back of the calendar allows residents and businesses a convenient opportunity to submit ideas on improving City services, or to forward a compliment about a particular municipal program or the response of City staff.





CODE COMPLIANCE QUESTIONS

Q Is it legal to convert my garage to living space?

A When homeowners need more space, often one of the first thoughts is to convert the garage to living space. This is not an action that can be decided upon by the homeowner. The City of Santa Clara Planning & Inspection Department must grant approval prior to the conversion of the garage to make sure the new space conforms to City Codes and Ordinances and that it would not put occupants at risk during a fire or other emergency.

The Planning & Inspection Department will review the plans of the proposed conversion. Depending on the designated use of the conversion, items required for garage conversions include heating and ventilation, insulation, light, emergency egress windows, structural framing, electrical and/or plumbing systems and the installation of smoke detectors. Consideration is given to the requirement for covered parking and the impact the conversion might have on street parking.

After issuance of the building permit for the conversion, a building inspector will perform inspections before the space can legally be occupied.

For information regarding the conversion of a garage, contact the Permit Center at 615-2420.

Q A business in our neighborhood has a dumpster that is constantly overflowing causing trash to litter the area. Is there a law against this and who do we contact to report the situation?

A Yes, there is a law against overflowing dumpsters that cause trash to litter the area. The Santa Clara City Code requires that all trash be stored in containers and governs against the accumulation of refuse.

Accumulation of refuse complaints should be reported to the Street Department at 615-3080. The Street Department will inspect the area and notify the property owner and tenant via letter that all trash on site must be properly contained. Information on how to increase garbage service is also included in the letter as well as courtesy notice that a re-inspection of the property will take place in one week. The property owner can be issued an administrative citation in the amount of \$250 if all trash on the property is not properly contained at the time of re-inspection. The City will direct Mission Trail Waste Systems to increase the size of the customer's garbage container if the same violation is documented three times in a one-year period.

Q Can a business change its street address or suite number without getting approval from the City?

A It is a violation of the City Code for someone to change a street address or suite number without getting prior City approval. The Building Inspection Division regulates all address numbering in the City, including suite/unit numbers. Correct numbering in the addresses is essential for responding to fire and life safety calls, and for Post Office deliveries.

A request for an address change can easily be accomplished by visiting the Permit Center at City Hall, paying a fee, and filling out a request form that must be signed by both the applicant and the owner of the property. If the requested change is in conformance with the City grid system, it will be approved by the Building Official.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Students can apply for scholarships and technical grants to study energy, power

Students who are interested in careers related to energy services and the power industry are invited to apply for a \$5,000 scholarship or a \$2,000 technical grant. Deadline for applications is Monday, March 29, 2010.

The financial awards are sponsored by Silicon Valley Power, the City of Santa Clara's municipal Electric Utility, to help assure an educated workforce to manage energy and power needs in the future. Up to three \$5,000 scholarships and up to five technical tuition grants of \$2,000 each will be awarded.

The \$5,000 scholarships are open to students attending a community or four-year college and majoring in field related to energy and power, such as engineering, technology and environmental science. The \$2,000 technical grants are available to individuals pursuing professional development in careers such as lineman, apprenticeship training programs and solar installers at technical schools or community colleges.

Applicants must be residents of the City of Santa Clara and a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, possess a high school diploma or be a high school senior, and be enrolled in a fully licensed and accredited community college, college or technical school.

Applications will be available online at siliconvalleypower.com/scholarship and by calling 261-5036 starting Monday, Dec. 7, 2009.

MCCF now accepting grant applications

The Mission City Community Fund is now accepting applications for the Spring 2010 grant funding cycle. Grant applications are available on the MCCF website at missioncityfund.org. Applications must be postmarked by January 30, 2010. Funding of approved grants will be distributed in April and May of 2010. All grant applications should be addressed to: Mission City Community Fund, Attn: Allocations Committee, P.O. Box 587, Santa Clara, CA 95052-0587.

Mission City Community Fund is a local non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the quality of life in the City of Santa Clara. An all volunteer board of directors manages a fund that has provided grants to dozens of non-profit and community organizations for more than two decades. Funding preference is given to eligible proposals demonstrating the most urgent need, and proposals that benefit residents, groups, and organizations serving the City of Santa Clara.

Past grant recipients have included the Triton Museum of Art, Next Door-Solutions to Domestic Violence, the Santa Clara Senior Center, Senior Housing Solutions, YWCA Rape Crisis Counseling, Inn Vision, Project Hired, Santa Clara Players, Santa Clara Chorale, de Saisset Museum, Unity Care Group, Hope Services, the JW House at Kaiser Hospital, Santa Clara Library, Santa Clara Unified School District, Santa Clara Arts & Historical Consortium, Villa Montalvo, Leadership Santa Clara and many others. MCCF is an all volunteer organization; it has no paid staff. Many residents and businesses have contributed to MCCF through the years, allowing the fund to grow and become self sustaining. MCCF also receives community donations from the "Give A Little...Help A Lot" donation campaign through the municipal utility bill inserts.

For further information, see the website, missioncityfund.org or email allocations@missioncityfund.org.

Once-in-a-decade census coming soon

Every household in Santa Clara will receive a census questionnaire in March as part of the national effort every 10 years to count the number of people living in the U.S. and learn more about who they are. The questionnaire will only take a few moments to complete and your responses are strictly confidential. Participation in the census is required by law.

Census data directly affects how billions of dollars in federal and state funding is allocated to communities for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation, and more. The census is also used to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and to redistrict state legislatures, define school districts and make decisions on other functional areas of government. Please watch for your census materials through the U.S. Mail, and complete and return the questionnaire.



Redesigned website makes it easier to find information

The City of Santa Clara has launched a redesigned website (santaclaraca.gov) with the goal of making it easier to access government information and services.

Information has been divided into commonly used categories so that visitors to the site will be able to intuitively find the content they seek. The site is also coded to allow disabled persons unfettered access.

For the tech savvy, RSS feeds allow residents to receive updates of news, events and job postings as it is placed on the site. Other convenient services include the ability to share content through Twitter, Facebook, Digg, YouTube, email and others using the ‘Share and Bookmark’ feature.

Viewers are also able to resize the page font on the new website. An updated City calendar allows citizens to download events of interest directly to their own personal calendars.

The Santa Clara Library (library.santaclaraca.gov) and Santa Clara Police Department (scpd.org) also have new homepages providing users with easier access to information similar to the main City website.

The City partnered with Vision Internet, an award-winning website development firm which specializes in working with local government, to create the redesigned sites. The redesigned websites provide enhanced communication opportunities with residents, in fulfillment of an adopted 2009-2011 City Council goal.

Go green with paperless e-billing and payments

Did you know that you can make your monthly electric billing and payment process completely paperless? By signing up for the municipal Electric Utility/Silicon Valley Power’s e-billing service, you can automatically receive your bill and make payments online.

The e-billing system is accessed at siliconvalleypower.com. Click on Bill Payment Options and sign up in just a few minutes. You’ll receive your City Utility bills by email and have a wide choice of paperless payment options, including automatic payments using a credit card, checking account, or by using your own bank’s online home banking services. Credit card payments are also accepted by phone or at our website 24 hours a day.

Signing up for e-billing is a great way to show your paperless commitment to a greener Santa Clara.

PAL offers sports for kids

The Police Activities League (PAL) offers a wide variety of sports activities for boys and girls in Santa Clara, including a bowling league on Saturdays for ages 5-18 and beginning judo on Thursdays at Cabrillo Middle School. To find out more about these activities and other sports, call the PAL Office at 615-4880 or visit the website santaclarapal.org. Fees are modest and scholarships are available.



Blue cans

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bags and set next to the wheeled blue cart for collection. Large cardboard containers that cannot fit in the blue wheeled cart should be broken down and stacked next to the cart.

All households received a 64-gallon cart to start the new program. Residents who wish to change to a larger (95-gallon) or smaller (32-gallon) cart can do so by calling Recology, formerly Stevens Creek Disposal & Recycling, at 970-5100. There is no additional charge for changing cart size. Multi-family residences will be given the option to use wheeled carts or front load bins.

Questions? Call 615-2063 or 970-5100.

About Santa Clara’s nonprofit partners

The City of Santa Clara contracts with a number of agencies for the provision of community services. The list provided here includes local nonprofit service agencies funded by either the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement program or the Redevelopment Agency Affordable Housing Fund program. The objective is to provide funding support to assist persons and households that are low income. The public services provided by these agencies are reviewed annually by the City for consideration of continued funding support.

Local nonprofit agencies that partners with the City include:


- ☐ Catholic Charities Shared Housing (shared housing services for families and single-parents with children); 325-5223
- ☐ Emergency Housing Consortium (transitional housing support services for homeless persons); 539-2100
- ☐ Bill Wilson Center (counseling for youth and families; grief counseling); 243-0222
- ☐ Next Door: Solutions to Domestic Violence (case management services for residents of Homesafe – Santa Clara); 501-7550
- ☐ Second Harvest Food Bank, Operation Brown Bag (provision of food staples to the needy); 266-8866
- ☐ Senior Adult Legal Services (SALA) (individual counseling on legal issues for seniors); 295-5991

For a complete list, see the City’s website at santaclaraca.gov and search for “nonprofit partners.”

State budget impacts City

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occupancy tax revenues. The City has taken numerous strong actions including a hiring freeze estimated to save about \$3 million this year (equivalent to eliminating 40 positions) and implemented cutbacks in services such as fewer recreation programs and reduced Library hours of operation. Fees and utility rates were increased by a modest amount to bring them closer to cost recovery. Several Capital Improvement Projects were eliminated or delayed, such as a proposed Bayshore North Library. Even after these strong steps, the City of Santa Clara still had to use emergency reserves of more than \$6 million to balance its 2009-2010 FY budget. Replenishing the emergency reserves is a priority outlined in the adopted 2009-2011 City Council goals.



SANTA CLARA SENIOR CENTER SERVICES

1303 Fremont Street
Phone: 408.615.3170

❖ Attic Insulation	.....	Pre-set Income Criteria.	Call 408/971-0888
❖ Blood Pressure	.....	Wed. 9:30-11:30 a.m.	Drop-in
		Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri.	By appointment
❖ BART Tickets	.....	Available at Senior Center	..... Cost: \$9.00 Value: \$24.00
❖ VTA Bus Pass	.....	Picture taken at County	..... \$25.00 Monthly Bus Sticker
		Transit & Senior Center	Sold at Senior Center
❖ Case Management	....	Dawn Pollak	..... Call 408/615-3170
❖ Fitness Room	.....	Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	
		Friday, 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	
❖ Grab Bars/Ramps/Repairs	..	Low-interest rate. For City of	
		Santa Clara Homeowners	..... Call 408/615-2490
❖ Health Insurance.	.....	Barbara Purdy	..... Free service by appointment
Counseling/Medicare			Call 408/615-3170
❖ Home Care Info./	.....	Susan Bates	..... Donations Accepted
Referral Service		Scheduled hrs.	..... Call 408/615-3170
❖ Income Tax	.....	Scheduled Appointments	..... Free Service
			Call 408/615-3170
❖ Legal Assistance	.....	Age Limit: 60+	..... By appt. only
			Call 408/615-3170
❖ Nursing Consultant	...	Mon. through Fri.	Drop-in or appointments
		Mallory von Kugelgen, RN.	Call 408/615-3170
		Jodie Sugiyama, RNP.	Call 408/615-3170
❖ Nutrition Program	....	Donation \$2.50	..... Age Limit: 60+
		Two day advance reservations required	
		Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m.	..... Call 408/615-3174
❖ Outreach	.....	Free Information Service.	Call 408/436-2865
❖ Catholic Charities Housing	.....		Call 408/325-5277

The Senior Center Office Hours are as follows:
Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. • Friday, 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. • Sunday, Closed



Employment Opportunities

COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER I:

Communications Dispatcher I monthly salary range is \$5,610 - \$6,802. Requires graduation from high school or possession of a GED and one year of paid employment experience requiring independent decision-making and a high level of public contact, preferably a public safety related position. Possession of a current P.O.S.T. Basic Dispatch certificate is desirable and may be substituted for six (6) months of the employment experience. Possession of a P.O.S.T. Basic Dispatching System (MPDS) certificate is required prior to completion of the probationary period. A typing certificate, dated no earlier than 6 months prior to application filing, showing the required typing speed of 30 net words per minute, is required at time of application. Candidates who have taken the POST dispatcher examination within the last six months may submit verification of a t-score of 48 or better in lieu of taking the performance examination. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please submit City application and typing certificate to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER II:

Communications Dispatcher II monthly salary range is: \$6,027 - \$7,320. Requires graduation from high school or possession of a GED; and the equivalent of one of the following: (a) two years of paid employment experience in public safety dispatching within the past five years; or (b) five years of current paid employment with a public safety agency or private emergency medical services agency, with high level Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), radio and/or telephone operation; or (c) successful completion of a probationary period as a Communications Dispatcher I with the City of Santa Clara. Possession of a current P.O.S.T. Basic Dispatch certificate is desirable and may be substituted for six months of the employment experience. Classroom education involving fire science or law enforcement related studies is highly desirable. A typing certificate, dated no earlier than 6 months prior to application filing, showing the required typing speed of 30 net words per minute, is required at time of application. Candidates who have taken the POST dispatcher examination within the last six months may submit verification of a t-score of 48 or better in lieu of taking the performance examination. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please submit City application and typing certificate to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

ELECTRIC UTILITY GENERATION TECHNICIAN:

Electric Utility Generation Technician monthly salary range is \$7,293 - \$8,878. Requires graduation from high school or its equivalent and four (4) years of electric generation operation and maintenance experience in a medium-sized electric generation power plant or equivalent, including two (2) years of experience above the entry level. Three years of operations and

maintenance level experience above the entry level with work assignments in City of Santa Clara combined cycle generation facilities may substitute for the above experience requirements. Two (2) additional years of electric generation operation and maintenance experience with an electric generation power plant or the equivalent is highly desirable. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis; examinations are scheduled as a sufficient number of applications are received.

Please submit City application to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

ELECTRICIAN:

Electrician monthly salary range is \$ 6,778 - \$ 8,229. Requires graduation from high school or its equivalent and status as a journey-level electrician and/or completion of a formal electrician apprenticeship program. Certification of required journey level electrician status and/or completion of a formal electrician apprenticeship program must be provided. Journey level experience working for an electric utility maintaining high voltage substation equipment or journey level experience maintaining solid state traffic signal equipment, or solid state supervisory control systems is desirable. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please submit City application and electrician certification to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

JOURNEY LINEWORKER:

Journey Lineworker monthly salary range is \$ 6,778 - \$ 8,229. Requires graduation from high school or possession of a G.E.D.; and completion of a recognized three (3) year apprenticeship program as a Lineworker. Certification of apprenticeship program must be provided at time of application. Possession of a valid California Class A Driver's license is required, or possession of a valid Class C license at the time of appointment and the ability to obtain Class A within six months of employment. Incumbents in this position are required to become rubber glove certified as a condition of holding the classification of Journey Lineworker within nine (9) months of appointment. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please apply by formal application to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

POLICE OFFICER & RECRUIT POLICE OFFICER:

Police Officer monthly salary range is \$8,223 - \$9,992. Recruit Police Officer monthly salary starts at \$6,160. Both positions require one of the following: Without experience, applicants must have completed sixty (60) semester units or ninety (90) quarter units of academic level course work at an accredited college or university; or applicants with two (2) years full-time, paid, recent police experience with a sheriff's department, state police, highway patrol, or municipal police department must have completed thirty (30) semester units or forty-five (45) quarter units of academic level courses at an accredited college or university. Applicants for Police Officer also require proof of completion of

a Basic Peace Officer Academy certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis. Candidates must attach a copy of their POST t-score of 50 or better to their City application for Police Officer or Police Officer.

Please submit City application to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

POLICE RECORDS SPECIALIST II:

Police Records Specialist II monthly salary range is \$5,204 - \$6,339. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Requires graduation from high school or its equivalent; and two years of clerical and typing experience. College education with special emphasis in police administration or related fields may be substituted for the required work experience on a year-for-year basis. A typing certificate, dated no earlier than 6 months prior to application filing, showing the required typing speed of 50 net words per minute, is required at time of application. Possession of an appropriate, valid California driver's license is required at time of appointment. A background investigation will be conducted prior to appointment. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis; examinations are conducted as vacancies occur.

Please submit City application and typing certificate to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.



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For additional job opportunities available at the City of Santa Clara, please visit our website at santaclaraca.gov or call our Job Hotline at 615-JOBS. EOE.





New fiber optic network enhances education in Santa Clara schools

A new fiber optic system linking all Santa Clara Unified School District schools is making high-speed, high-capacity network capabilities available to students, teachers and administrators.

Students in Santa Clara may soon be able to take virtual field trips to witness the migration of wild animals in Kenya, or watch a math class in real time at home on a day when they had to stay home from school. A teacher who now drives between schools to teach a course will be able to offer the course live to several locations via an interactive teleconference link.

The network was installed by the Fiber Enterprise division of Silicon Valley Power, the City's Electric Utility. The fiber network allows the district to have reliable and secure communications between schools and the district office to support educational applications and to provide more effective monitoring of school grounds.

"This is a tremendous advance for us," said Mary Phillips, Director of Technology for the District. "Teachers will be able to enhance the curriculum by utilizing streaming video and video-conferencing for the first time. The bottom line is that the fiber network enhances and improves the learning environment and experience for every student."

"The school district wanted to address a serious problem with communications within the district," said Debby Barry, Silicon Valley Power Fiber Enterprise Project Manager. "We were able to provide a timely, affordable solution. Partnering with the schools was a natural match, as we both have an interest in providing the best possible educational experience for students."

SCU team excels in Solar Decathlon



A team of students from Santa Clara University, in collaboration with the California College of the Arts (CCA), won third place in the 2009 Solar Decathlon held in Washington, D.C., this fall. Silicon Valley Power, the City's municipal Electric Utility, was one of the sponsors that helped the students showcase their uniquely designed, environmentally friendly house. As this issue of *Inside Santa Clara* was going to press, the team was scheduled to be recognized at the November 17, 2009 City Council meeting.

Presented by the U.S. Department of Energy, the Solar Decathlon brings 20 college and university teams from around the world to the U.S. capital. They compete in ten contests that determine the best in design, engineering, and energy-efficiency.

Some 200 students from SCU and CCA constructed an 800-square-foot home on SCU's campus, disassembled it, and then trucked it to Washington, D.C., reassembling it on the National Mall.

Team California finished in the top three in seven of the ten contests: first place in architecture and communications; second in engineering, appliances, and home entertainment, and third in hot water and market viability. Team Germany won first place overall.

"We proved to the world that you don't have to compromise comfort, style, and convenience to live in a green home," said Allison Kopf, Team California's project manager and Santa Clara University student. "Our home is attractive, functional, and livable, and thousands of people who visited also agreed."

This is the second time SCU competed in the Solar Decathlon. In 2007, SCU also won third place.

For more information on the SCU entry, also known as the "Refract House," visit www.refracthouse.com.

Drop off old medications for safe disposal



The Santa Clara Police Department is coordinating a new pharmaceutical disposal program designed to encourage environmentally safe disposal of unneeded, expired, and unused prescription and over the counter medicines.

Santa Clara residents can now drop off their unwanted medicines at the main police building at 601 El Camino Real. A secure receptacle has been placed in the lobby and is available for drop off during lobby hours. (7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday).

The program will accept all prescription and over the counter medicines. Medications that were prescriptions should be in their original container whenever possible, with the patient's name and identifying information marked out. Liquids should be tightly capped and placed in a sealed plastic bag to prevent leakage. Pet medications can be dropped off, as well.

Illegal narcotics are not accepted, nor are needles and lancets known as "sharps." To find a safe drop off location for sharps, visit earth911.com to locate a nearby site.

Too many people flush old, unwanted medicines down a toilet or place them in the trash which can allow these pharmaceuticals to find their way into the environment because they have not been removed during the waste treatment process. These pharmaceuticals can have a lasting negative impact on plant and animal life.

The Santa Clara Police Department wants to thank the City of Santa Clara's Department of Parks & Recreation (specifically the Santa Clara Senior Center) and Street Department, and the City of San Jose's Environmental Services Department for their assistance with this program.

Contact the Santa Clara Police Department property clerks at 615-4721 or 615-4722 for further information.



Permits (continued from page 1)

The first to try out the new service in August was Spectra-Physics who submitted an extensive application for a \$2 million interior alteration project at its new site on Peterson Way in Santa Clara.

While currently being used for larger projects, soon applications will also be accepted online for simple permits such as water heaters, electrical service upgrades, furnace replacements and re-roofing permits.

For more information on online permits, contact the Permit Center at 615-2420 or the Building Inspection Office at 615-2440.

Bright Home (continued from page 1)

be completed by the end of November.

"I am one of the fortunate seniors who applied and qualified for the painting of my home," said one resident whose house has a new look after Bright Home contractors painted it. "Not only did it benefit my home, but also the neighborhood." This resident could not have physically painted her home herself, and could not afford to pay to have it done. She wrote to express her thanks to the City, and to let us know that her neighbors were also happy to see her newly painted home.



City is benefiting from Federal Stimulus Funds



Crews work on street resurfacing projects in Santa Clara.

The City of Santa Clara has applied for approximately \$50 million in grants/loans from several federal agencies as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, also known as Economic Stimulus Funding. Several of the requests have been approved, including:

- \$3.05 million for a reclaimed water line project.
- \$1.18 million for upgrading City infrastructure to be more energy efficient.
- \$1.1 million for street resurfacing including De La Cruz Boulevard, Coleman Avenue, Saratoga Avenue, Monroe Street, Kiely Boulevard, and Washington Street. The improvements also include the installation of new curb ramps; replacement of curb, gutter, and sidewalk; and installation of pavement markings and striping.
- \$400,000 for a new signal interconnect communications along Monroe Street from Calabazas Boulevard to the San Tomas Aquino Creek crossing.



This restroom facility at Bracher Park will be rehabilitated and updated for community use, with increased accessibility for persons with disabilities.



Federal stimulus funds have allowed several public works projects to proceed.



Preparations for a new traffic signal interconnect along Monroe Street will improve traffic flow.

- \$290,707 for restroom improvements in Bracher Park (\$146,000) and the Removal of Barriers Project (\$144,707) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.
- \$109,000 to the Fire Department to upgrade the telephone system in the Emergency Operations Center and for technical rescue training.
- \$100,000 for police and fire equipment upgrades.

Other major projects still pending in the funding application process include \$17 million for a sewer line project, \$2.1 million for renovation and expansion of fire stations #7 and #8, and funding for additional police officers.

These funding grants and their related projects are in various stages of planning and completion, and are being managed by City staff. Many of these projects are also in fulfillment of the City Council's adopted 2009-2011 goals.

Work continues on 2010-2035 General Plan Update

Staff and City officials, along with members of the community, have been diligently working on the update of the City's General Plan over the past 18 months. The General Plan Steering Committee has held numerous meetings on topics including:

- *The Progressive General Plan:* The concept of a phased general plan with timelines and prerequisites.
- *Land Use and Housing:* Where to put various types of uses – including commercial, industrial, public facilities and housing.
- *Transportation, Transit and Mobility:* How our sidewalks, trails, streets, transit, expressways and freeways move people, bicycles, cars, buses, trains and goods.
- *Fiscal Health, Jobs/Housing Balance and Public Facilities:* How the City can focus on attracting businesses that provide the City with revenue while ensuring high quality services and facilities.
- *El Camino Real, Downtown, Santa Clara Station Area, Stevens Creek and Future Focus Areas:* How key areas within the City can support economic vitality through land use, development standards, and design.
- *Historic and Neighborhood Preservation; Transition and Discretionary Policies:* How the City can support historic and neighborhood preservation, through appropriate transitions between new higher intensity uses and existing lower intensity uses.

The discussions at these meetings resulted in ideas that will provide the basis for the goals, policies, strategies and areas of focus in the updated General Plan. The Steering Committee is anticipated to have a joint meeting with the City Council and Planning Commission in early 2010 to review a draft document. The corresponding Draft Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan is under preparation and should follow the draft General Plan for public review in the spring.

To be included on the public notification list for the General Plan Update, sign-up at santaclaragp.com. Comments and questions can be submitted via the website, by email jkmoloney@santaclaraca.gov, or by mail to: Julie K. Moloney, Planning Division, City of Santa Clara, 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara CA 95050.



Mission College Café open to the public

The “Owl Cove Cafe” at Mission College, a restaurant operated by students in the Hospitality Management Program, is open to the public Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Meals are freshly prepared under the direction of a master chef instructor and sold at cost. Advance information on menus is available by calling 855-5246 or emailing hospitality_management@wvm.edu.



Hospitality management students rotate through every station in the commercial restaurant from manager and sous chef to server and dishwasher. The managers plan their own menus, order the food and supervise the preparations both in the kitchen and dining room. Students also cater special events as part of the requirement for working additional hours in a restaurant setting outside of the classroom.

Schedule a wildlife presentation for your group

Fala is an albino American Crow. Jet is a Red-shouldered Hawk. Both Fala and Jet are permanent residents of the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley and are the stars of educational presentations about wildlife in our region at schools, senior centers and other community groups.

The City of Santa Clara supports the work of the Wildlife Center and its mission of encouraging “a positive coexistence between the general public and wildlife.”

“We receive thousands of calls each year concerning everything from animals that appear to be sick, injured or orphaned to ‘nuisance’ issues, wildlife sightings and even frightened callers,” said Jen Constantin, Director of the Education and Outreach Program for the Center. “This is only one part of the process. Educating people even before they’re inspired to call a rehabilitation center is key.”

To schedule a presentation or to learn more about this program, contact the Wildlife Center via email at education@wcsv.org or by phone at 929-WILD.

Parents can pay for student meals online

Parents and guardians of students in Santa Clara Unified School District can now pay for their child’s meals online. It is fast and simple and eliminates the worry about whether a child has money in his/her account and/or sending money to school with their child.

The new service maintains an eating history report so that parents can see the dates and times when a child has purchased a breakfast or lunch.

To set up an account, go to the district website at www.santaclarausd.org and click on the Child Nutrition link, or go directly to mynutrikids.com. Deposits can be made through an existing PayPal account or with a major credit or debit card. For more information, call Tina Cooley at 423-2152 or email her at tcooley@scusd.net.

Sister Cities offers many opportunities in early 2010

The first few months of 2010 are a busy time for the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association, volunteers who promote international understanding through the City’s relationships with Coimbra, Portugal and Izumo, Japan.

Host families will be needed for Portuguese students coming to Santa Clara for 10 days in the spring. Applications are also being accepted for high school students who would like to participate in an exchange with Izumo, Japan students. The Japanese students come here in March, and Santa Clara students go there in July. Application deadline is Jan. 8. For information visit the website santclarasistercities.org or contact Youth Outreach Director Debbie Pavao at dpavao.scsca@gmail.com.

Also in the spring is the annual Showcase of Young Artists and Authors. This year’s theme is “Your World.” Students ages 13-18 are encouraged to enter and to express their personal vision of what makes them who they are. The winner will receive a \$100 cash award plus the opportunity to compete in the International Sister Cities contest and have their work shown internationally. All local contestants will receive a \$25 gift certificate from University Art.

Entries from last year’s Young Artists and Authors competition will be honored at a reception on Jan. 8 at the Triton Museum of Art. The artwork, essays and poetry will also be on display at the Central Park Library during the month of January.

Get cash for bottles and cans

Nearly every bottle and can manufactured can be remade into new containers and other useful items. In California, most of them also give you a chance at some cash when you redeem them. Beverages in aluminum, glass and plastic (e.g., sodas, water, beer, sport drinks, juices and coffee drinks) can put some cash in your pocket when you redeem them for their CRV (California Refund Value). Just return your containers to a recycling center (located in most shopping center parking lots and other locations throughout the City of Santa Clara) to get money back.

If collecting and returning bottles and cans is not appealing, don’t forget to put them in your new blue, wheeled recycling cart for curbside collection. Recycling these valuable commodities helps to produce revenue for the recycling program and keeps the resident cost low.

Scavenging is illegal. Call 615-5580 to report scavengers going through your recycling cart.



Donate and make a difference in the lives of animals

Donations to provide care for the community’s homeless dogs, cats and other animals are being requested by the Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA). The Animal Assistance Fund helps to rehabilitate sick or injured animals that require specialized veterinary care and to provide additional comfort for animals in SVACA’s cageless Animal Care Center located in Santa Clara.

“SVACA is committed to not only finding homes for healthy animals, but also for those that require specialized care. However, we cannot do it alone,” said Dan Soszynski, SVACA Executive Director. “The Animal Assistance Fund enables the community to be involved and help SVACA help the animals.”

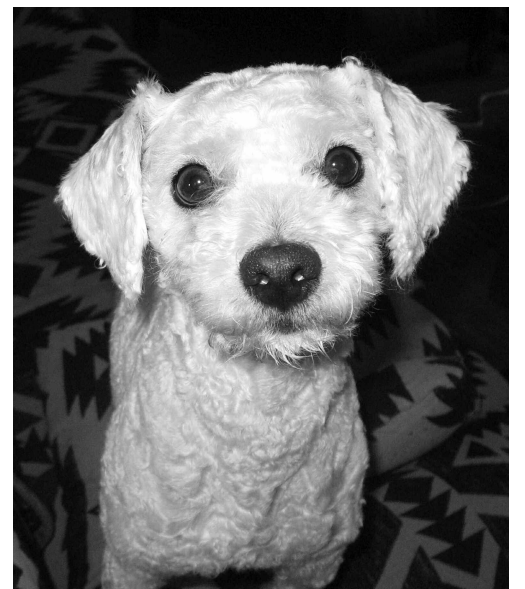
Donations were recently used to cover the expenses associated with a challenging surgery for a dog named Fredo who was rescued from an abusive situation. Fredo quickly recovered and within a matter of days was adopted into a loving home. Francesca was a cat that came to SVACA with a broken leg, but due to the Animal Assistance Fund, she received a second chance. SVACA’s medical team surgically repaired her leg and adoption staff diligently worked to find her a new home.



“Through the generous contributions from the public, Fredo and Francesca are just two of the many animals who received second chances at life,” says SVACA Shelter Manager Michael Limper. “Thanks to the community’s support, sick or injured animals that enter through our doors can be treated and adopted into new homes.”

Tax deductible donations to the Animal Assistance Fund can be processed online at svaca.com or sent by mail to: SVACA’s Animal Assistance Fund, 3370 Thomas Rd., Santa Clara, CA, 95054. For more information contact SVACA at 764-0344 or visit svaca.com.

SVACA is a joint powers authority that provides animal care and control services to the cities of Santa Clara, Campbell and Monte Sereno. Adoption services and volunteer opportunities are open to all in the Bay Area. Adopt a companion animal from SVACA, the Valley’s only cageless animal care center!





New section of creek trail opens

A small, but important section of the San Tomas Aquino/Saratoga Creek Trail opened this fall – completing a car-free pedestrian/bicycle route from Cabrillo Avenue to Highway 237, and also fulfilling an adopted 2009-2011 City Council goal.

The latest section, or “Reach 4,” is about 1,000 feet in length and extends from Cabrillo Avenue to the parking lot on Monroe Street. Extensive landscaping buffers the trail from nearby homes.

Along with earlier sections of the Creek Trail in Santa Clara that have already opened for use and enjoyment, the trail in our community now extends more than four miles. A public parking lot at the Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club, 5155 Stars & Stripes Drive, provides free parking and good trail access in the North Bayshore area. This parking lot is located north of Tasman Drive, south of the tennis courts, and east of the San Tomas Aquino/Saratoga Creek Trail. A second parking lot, the San Tomas Aquino Trailhead, also called the Monroe Street Staging Area, is located on Monroe Street just west of San Tomas Expressway. Both parking lots are City-owned and maintained.

Reach 1 of the Creek Trail extends 1.76 miles south from the San Francisco Bay Trail to Agnew Road, with undercrossings at Highway 237, Old Mountain View-Alviso Road, Great America Parkway, and Tasman Drive providing a continuous trail without requiring users to cross busy streets. Reach 2 extends 0.84 miles south from Agnew Road to Scott Boulevard, with undercrossings at Mission College Boulevard, Highway 101 and Scott Boulevard. Reach 3 extends 1.25 miles south from Scott Boulevard to the Monroe Street Staging Area, with undercrossings at Central Expressway, Walsh Avenue, and the Caltrain railroad tracks. Like the other portions of the trail, this section is asphalt paved, has signing and striping, directional and interpretive signs, retaining walls with art panels, drainage systems, fencing and railings. All undercrossings are subject to periodic closures during the rainy season when they can be inundated by the water levels in the creek. For information on closures of the trail for maintenance or weather, call (408) 615-3080.

A Pruneridge Avenue portion of the trail, which will be on City streets and will end at the western City limit, is under design for bicycle lanes. Once completed, the on- and off-street segments of the trail will provide a total of 8 miles of trail and bike lanes for commuting and recreational use.

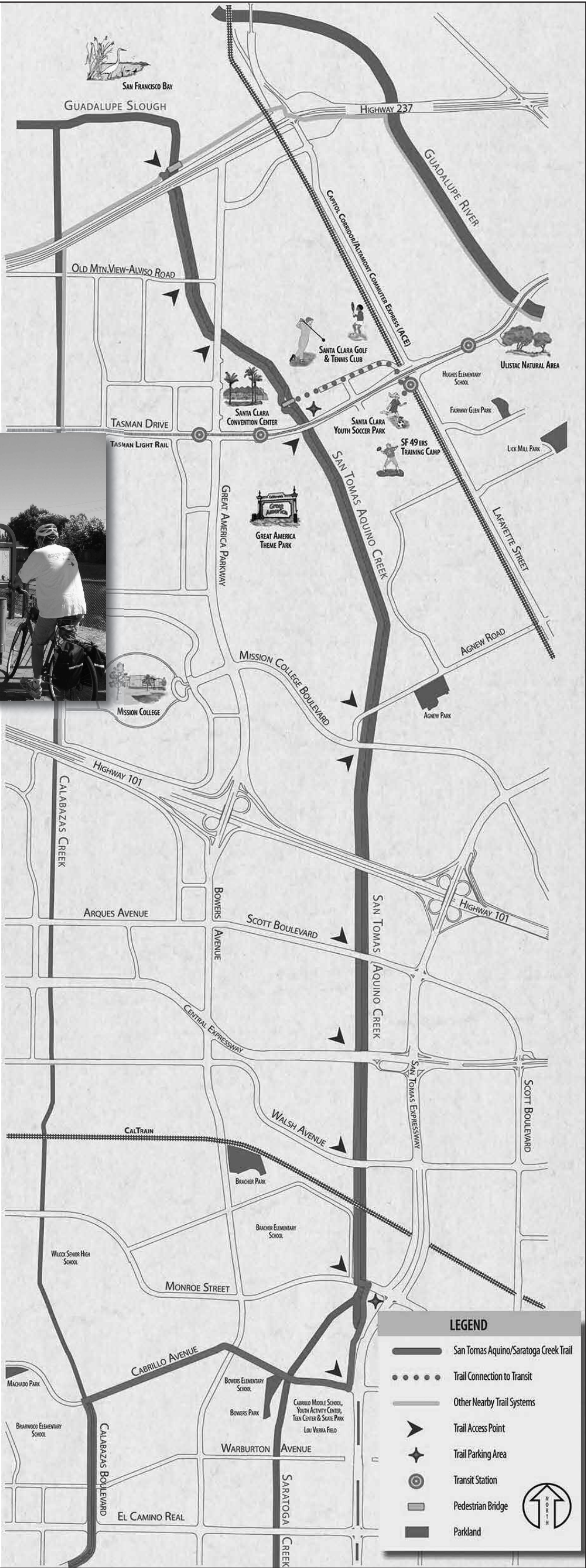
Help Restore Ulistac

Get involved with the restoration and volunteer program at Ulistac Natural Area! Your efforts will help to preserve the California native vegetation at this 40-acre wildlife habitat and open space. Ulistac showcases the way this valley looked more than a century ago.

Workdays are December 5 and 20, January 2 and 17, and February 6 and 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers should wear long pants and sturdy work shoes, be equipped with sunscreen and hats, and bring a lunch and plenty of water for drinking. Gloves and tools are provided.

Ulistac Natural Area is located along the Guadalupe River on Lick Mill Boulevard south of Tasman Drive. Public access is provided from Lick Mill Boulevard and the creekside trail along the Guadalupe River. It is a short walk or bike ride from the SanTomas Aquino/Saratoga Creek Trail. The park is open every day from sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

A brochure for self-guided tours, funded by a grant from Applied Materials, is available at the site and trails have interpretive panels to provide additional information on the natural history of the area. Visit the website at scu.edu/envs/ulistac, call 554-5419, or email ulistac@scu.edu for more information.





SANTA CLARA ARTS & HISTORICAL CONSORTIUM

Santa Clara Museums



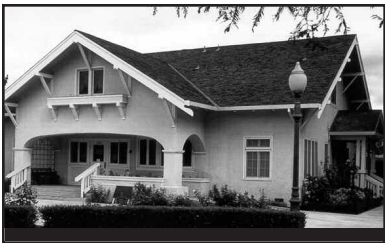
Triton Museum of Art

The Triton Museum of Art exists to enhance the quality of lives of people in Santa Clara and the Bay Area through a program of art, education, and community involvement. Rotating exhibits highlight the museum's permanent collection of 19th and 20th century American art. *Native Americans Yesterday and Today: Selections from the Austen D. Warburton Collection*, is a permanent exhibition. The museum buildings are owned by the City, but are operated by the nonprofit Triton Museum of Art. The museum is located at 1505 Warburton Ave., across the street from City Hall. The museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and until 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Closed Mondays. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 247-3754, or visit the Triton website at tritonmuseum.org. See page 12 for event information.



de Saisset Museum

Founded in 1955 through the bequest of Isabel de Saisset, the museum features rotating exhibits as well as permanent displays of art. The museum's collection includes American, European, African and Oriental art. The *California Historic Collection* features artifacts of the pre-mission California Indians, relics and sacramental objects from the original mission, and memorabilia from the days of the early college. The de Saisset also has an ongoing program of films, concerts and lectures. The museum is located on the Santa Clara University campus, adjacent to historic Mission Santa Clara. Admission and parking are free. Galleries are open Tuesday through Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 554-4528, or visit the de Saisset website at scu.edu/deSaisset. See page 12 for event information.



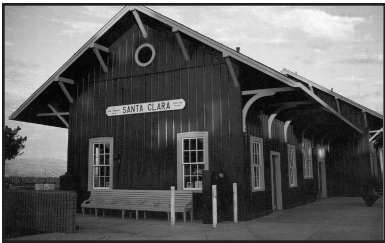
Headen-Inman House

The charming Headen-Inman House, 1509 Warburton Ave., includes a museum with photographs and artifacts related to the history of Santa Clara. Rotating exhibits by the Santa Clara Art Association are also on display. The Santa Clara Founders and Pioneers Room has exhibits featuring the founding families and early pioneers of Santa Clara County. The house, named after the two families who once owned it, is now owned by the City, but is operated by and is the headquarters of the nonprofit Santa Clara Arts & Historical Consortium. The museum is open most Sundays, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 248-ARTS.



Berryessa Adobe

In the 1840s, this simple adobe dwelling was constructed about a mile west of Mission Santa Clara. The house was lived in by generations of families who immigrated to Santa Clara to labor in



the fields and factories, and to make new lives for themselves. Purchased by the City of Santa Clara in 1997 and restored in 2002, the Berryessa Adobe is one of the last adobes in the Santa Clara Valley, and is an interpretive site on the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. It is located at 373 Jefferson Street and generally open Thursdays and Saturdays, 12 noon to 4 p.m., or by arrangement. Group tours may also be arranged. For more information, call 615-2488 or email: BerryessaAdobe@santaclaraca.gov.

South Bay Historical Railroad Society

The South Bay Historical Railroad Society was founded in 1985 with the goal of preserving the heritage of American railroading. SBHRS accomplished the major task of renovating the historic Santa Clara Depot, and maintains the facility and researches its history. The group also built and maintains onsite HO and N scale museum-grade model train layouts. The Santa Clara Depot, at the Santa Clara Caltrain Station, is regularly open to the public every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m., at 1005 Railroad Ave. Call 243-3969 for further information, or visit the website at sbhrs.org. See page 4 for event information.

Harris-Lass Historic Museum

The Harris-Lass Historic Museum, located at 1889 Market St., is the last preserved farm site in the City of Santa Clara. The property, which includes a large fully furnished Italianate-style home, barn, summer kitchen and a tank house, is named for the two families who owned it and lived there for 125 years. The museum is now owned by the City, but is operated by the nonprofit Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara, and staffed entirely by volunteers. Guided tours aid visitors in learning about local history and life in the early 1900s. Museum hours are most Saturdays and Sundays, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Parking is free. For details about visiting the museum, call 249-7905 or see harrislass.org.

Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe

The Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe, located at 3260 The Alameda, is a State-registered landmark and one of the oldest surviving adobe structures in northern California. With its origins dating to 1784, the Pena adobe was originally part of a row of houses for married Indian couples. The Santa Clara Woman's Club now uses the adobe as its club headquarters and meeting place. The Woman's Club provides encouragement and support for youth in Santa Clara, and cooperates with other organizations to aid seniors, veterans and the handicapped. Call 246-8000 for more information.



Pictured top to bottom, above:

- Triton Museum of Art
- de Saisset Museum
- Headen-Inman House
- Berryessa Adobe
- South Bay Historical Railroad Society Museum
- Harris-Lass Historic Museum
- Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe

Other Consortium Member Groups

Foothills Region Antique Automobile Club of America

Interested in the preservation of cars that are 25 years old or older, the members of this club tour with their cars and take part in parades and many other family oriented activities. For more information, call Club Vice President Grant Danielson, 248-0939.

Los Fundadores y Amigos de Alta California, the Founders and Friends of Santa Clara County

The goals of Los Fundadores are to preserve the history and heritage of Santa Clara County and early California, to maintain a museum room in the Headen-Inman House, to provide rotating genealogical displays, and to develop research materials for the library room at the museum. The group was established in 1987 by Evalyn Martinez. It publishes a quarterly newsletter aimed at preserving the history and heritage of the founding families and early pioneers of Santa Clara County from its founding through 1889. For more information, call Evalyn Martinez at 926-1165.

Santa Clara Players

The Santa Clara Players is a talented local theater group that performs in the 80-seat Hall Pavilion of the Triton Museum of Art. Its season runs from October through June and includes three public productions plus one-act plays that can be performed for groups by special arrangement. Call 248-7993 for more information or visit scplayers.org.

Santa Clara Sister Cities Association

Individuals interested in promoting an appreciation for the world and its diverse cultures are invited to join the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association (SCA). Membership is open to both residents of Santa Clara and non-residents. SCA works closely with the City's International Exchange Commission which coordinates exchange programs with Santa Clara's two sister-cities: Coimbra, Portugal and Izumo, Japan. The group meets four or five times during the year at the Senior Citizens Center in Santa Clara. For more information on the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association, or opportunities to host visitors, contact SCA President Debi Davis at 244-7551 or see the website at santaclarasistercities.org.

Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists

Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists is dedicated to studying, teaching and promoting the art of china, glass and porcelain painting. Activities include monthly meetings/luncheons, workshops/seminars, demonstrations, porcelain exchange, and community involvement. For more information, call Arline Norsworthy at 296-8319.

Consortium Member Groups include:

- City of Santa Clara - Berryessa Adobe*
- de Saisset Museum*
- Foothills Region AACA
- Garden City Doll Club
- Heart of the Valley*
- Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara
- KKUP Radio
- Los Fundadores, Founders and Friends of Santa Clara Co.
- Mission City Opera
- Mission Trail Early Ford V-8 Club
- Primarily Purses/Vintage Accessories Club
- Roberta Jones Junior Theatre*
- Santa Clara Art Association
- Santa Clara City Library*
- Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society*
- Santa Clara Players
- Santa Clara Sister Cities Association
- Santa Clara Schools Foundation*
- Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists
- Santa Clara Woman's Club*
- Soroptimist International of Santa Clara*
- South Bay Historical Railroad Society*
- Spanish Heritage Society
- Tabard Theater*
- Triton Museum of Art*
- The Twenty Diners Plus

For more information on the Consortium or information on any of the groups listed above, call 248-ARTS.

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Apply now for 2010 Leadership Santa Clara program



The graduating class of 2009.

Applications are now being accepted for Leadership Santa Clara 2010, a six-month course beginning in January that prepares individuals interested in becoming community leaders.

Sessions are generally held on the second Thursday of each month from February through June, with two additional sessions in January and an evening graduation ceremony/reception in mid-June. Classes are held at a variety of Santa Clara business locations, offering students an opportunity to visit a range of local organizations. Class sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m.

Top-notch speakers cover a wide range of topics including governance, business climate, transportation,

media, diversity, arts and culture, environment, volunteerism, health care and human/community services. Full days are devoted to public safety and education. Skill-building sessions focus on working with the media, public presentation skills, team building, meeting management, and ethics.

Tuition is \$750, and students may have up to 90% of their tuition covered by their employer. Scholarships are available.

For more information, call Leadership Santa Clara Program Coordinator Scott Summerfield at (925) 249-9320, email him at smmrfld@aol.com, or contact the City Manager's Office at 615-2210.

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Camellia Show - FREE!
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INSIDE SANTA CLARA
QUARTERLY NEWSPAPER FOR CITY
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Use new blue cart for recycling

Santa Clara's new single-stream curbside recycling program is underway!



The program provides single-family homes with a lidded, wheeled blue cart for recycling materials, similar to the garbage and Clean Green carts used for household garbage and yard waste. There is no need to separate recycling items by type – all recyclable materials can now go into the blue cart. The blue cart is placed in the gutter line next to the garbage and Clean Green carts on collection day. (Be sure to leave at least 3 feet of space between each cart.)

Recyclable items to be placed in the blue cart include newspaper, corrugated cardboard, mixed papers, glass bottles and jars, aluminum, bi-metal and tin cans, discharged metal spray paint cans, steel and other types of kitchen scrap metals, and any plastic container, bottle or bag marked with a #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 or #7 inside of triangular arrow recycling symbol.

Used motor oil and motor oil filters will continue to be recycled as in the current curbside program (i.e, single-family homes only; used motor oil to be placed in one-gallon or less plastic screw-top containers provided by the resident, and used motor oil filters placed in clear plastic Ziploc-type bags). Used motor oil should be placed next to the blue wheeled cart, and drained motor oil filters in Ziploc-type bags should be placed on top of the blue wheeled cart.

Compact fluorescent light bulbs (single-family homes only; no fluorescent tubes) should be placed in separate clear plastic Ziploc-type

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